

Kelley Family

In Newspapers and Written Documents

**By: Orrin Alva Kelley
December 2022**

Court Record: James Kelley and Susannah Brooks Marriage Certificate
Warren County, Georgia
September 10, 1818

GEORGIA }
Warren County. }
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These are to authorize and permit you

To join in the Honorable State of MATRIMONY *James Kelley* of the one part and *Wife Susannah Brooks* of the other part, according to the rites of your Church, provided there be no lawful cause to obstruct the same, and this shall be your authority for so doing. GIVEN under my hand as the Clerk of the Court of Ordinary of the county aforesaid.

This *7th of September 1818* *T. Persons D. C.*

To any Minister of the Gospel, Judge, Justice of the Inferior Court, or Justice of Peace to celebrate.

I DO certify that *James Kelley* and *Wife Susannah Brooks* were joined together in the Holy Bands of Matrimony by me, on the *10th* day of *September 1818*

Laurence Kitchens J. P.

Note:

The full name of the Deputy Clerk who is signing is Turner Persons.

Newspaper: The Georgia Constitutionalist
Augusta, Georgia
July 31, 1835

LIST OF LETTERS,

REMAINING in the Post Office at Warrenton, Geo. 1st July, 1835

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Boze B. Kitchens,
James Kelley, 2
Alfred C. Kinsey, 2
Robert T. Kean,
Cain Kent

If not taken out before the 1st day of October next, will be sent to the General Post Office as dead Letters.

JOHN MOORE, P.M.

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Newspaper: Daily Chronicle & Sentinel
Augusta, Georgia
October 16, 1847

Special Notices.

PRESENTMENTS
SUPERIOR COURT of WARREN CO.,
OCTOBER TERM, 1847.

We, the Grand Jury, chosen and sworn for the present term of the Court, in closing their labours beg leave to give some expression of their feelings in reference to such matter as pertains to the public interest and prosperity:

We have examined through our respective committees, the records of the Superior and Inferior Court, and are highly gratified to find the books kept by the Clerk of the respective Courts neat, correct and in good order, highly creditable to the Clerk of said Courts.

We have also, through a committee, examined the County Jail, and find a part of it, in the lower department, in rather a filthy and unhealthy condition, and would respectfully request the Jailor to have it thoroughly cleansed and kept in better order for the future.

We would respectfully recommend to the road commissioners in each district to have all roads that are not in good order worked on immediately. We present the road leading from Warrenton to Augusta, as far as the district line, as in bad order, and request that it be put in good order as soon as possible; and also the road leading to Sparta, as far as Mrs. Drucella Petts's.

We would respectfully recommend to the Clerk to prepare lists of all the defaulting tax-payers of this county for the present year, and for future years; so that a list may be furnished and sent by him to the Superintendents at the different election precincts in this county, on the days of holding elections hereafter; as we believe that there are many citizens who exercise the right of voting that are not entitled, according to the laws, to exercise that privilege; and we consider it highly necessary that every citizen who considers himself a free man should pay his taxes, as required by law; and we furthermore believe that the above recommendation, if carried out, would add something to the treasury.

We present as an evil, the fact that our patrol laws are too much neglected, and would respectfully request the proper officers to see that they be hereafter fully and strictly enforced.

We present as a great and growing evil, the large number of free negroes in this county, many of whom rove the country at large, creating insubordination and discontent among our slaves, causing them to steal, and, as we believe, receiving stolen plunder from them. The law requires them to be registered and have guardians, and it is made the duty of the Clerk of Inferior Court to publish the names of all applicants for registry.

These provisions of the law have been and continue to be too much neglected. We believe our laws on this subject defective in this, that it is not made the duty of any particular officer to enforce the requirements of the law, and we therefore recommend to our Senator and Representatives to procure the passage of an act by the next legislature, which will provide for such deficiencies. Until such amendment to the law shall be made, we respectfully request the Clerk of the Inferior Court to take the matter in hand. We further give it as our opinion that the tax on free negroes should be made heavier.

The body take pleasure in giving their testimony to the impartiality and distinguished ability with which his honor Judge SAYRE has fulfilled the duties of the bench, and tender to him their sincere respects.

To the Solicitor-General, Mr. HABERSHAM, we also tender our thanks for his attention to this body, and for the faithful performance of his duty and his courtesy to this body.

We request that these presentments be published in the Augusta Chronicle & Sentinel and Constitutionalist.

MARSHALL H. WELLBORN, Foreman.

THOMAS NEAL,	JAMES M. WELLBORN,
JESSE M. ROBERTS,	JOSEPH P. TARRELL,
JOHN M. BARKSDALE,	ARDEN R. MERSHON,
HOWEL H. HUNT,	BEDER PROCTOR,
EDMUND CODY,	EDWARD SHURLEY,
WILLIAM MAYES,	JAMES KELLEY,
WM. B. BARKSDALE,	BOZE B. KITCHENS,

JOHN M. LAZENBY,
ADAM IVY,

ISAAC L. ANDERSON,
GEORGE S. ALLEN,

EASON D. HUDSON, Clerk.

[A true extract from the minutes of the Superior Court, October Term, 1847.]

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JAMES PILCHER, Clerk.

**Court Record: George Washington Kelley and Susan Kitchens Marriage Certificate
Warren County, Georgia
April 12, 1849**

Georgia, Warren County

**TO ANY ORDAINED MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL, JUDGE OF THE SUPREME OR SUPERIOR
COURT, JUSTICE OF THE INFERIOR COURT, OR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE:**

You are hereby authorized to join *George W. Kelley* and *Miss Susan Kitchens*, in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the Constitution and laws of this State; and for so doing, this shall be your sufficient license.

Given under my hand and seal, this *twelfth* day of *April* 1849

Patrick N. Maddox C. C. O. L. S.

I hereby certify, that *George W. Kelley* and *Susan Kitchen* were duly joined in Matrimony this day, by me.

Calvin Logue J. P.

This twelfth day of April 1849

**Letter: Baptist Affiliation Letter Found in James Kelley Bible
January 19, 1852**

Baptist Hotel Brier Creek Warren County,
January 19, 1852.

Dear brother Kelley (James Kelley)

I have examined the church book agreeable to your request & find that you joined the church on Saturday before the 1st Lord's Day in October 1831, and your wife was received at November meeting 1822 and baptized December 1822.

Yours respectfully
(Rev.) Aaron Atkins

**Newspaper: The Daily Constitutionalist and Republic
Augusta, Georgia
Wednesday, October 28, 1857**

A New County Meeting.

Agreeably to a previous appointment, a portion of the citizens of Warren and Jefferson counties met at Calvin Logue's workshop, on the 24th of October, 1857, in a public meeting, for the purpose of adopting resolutions for the forming of a new county

The meeting was organized by calling Peter Usry to the Chair, and J. F. Usry and Wm. M. Kelley to act as Secretaries.

The object of the meeting being made known by Wiley Kitchens, Esq., on motion of Wiley Kitchens, the Chair appointed a committee of eleven consisting of Jeremiah Witcher, Calvin Logue, Wiley Kitchens, Larkin Witcher, James Kelley, Benjamin Coxwell, J. F. Usry, Peter Usry, Brinson Logue, Wm. M. Kelley, and Boze B. Kitchens to define the boundary of the said proposed county and report the same.

The committee report that the line shall commence at the Shoals of Ogeechee, running thence along the Augusta road, where it crosses the Waynesboro' road; thence a direct line to Reedy Creek Meeting-house; thence a direct line to Sylvan Grove, on the road leading from Fen's Bridge to Augusta; thence along said Fen's Bridge road to where it crosses the road leading from the Shoals of Ogeechee to Louisville; thence by James Brassel's, to the Ogeechee river; thence up said river to the beginning – which was read and adopted.

On motion of Calvin Logue, Esq., the following committee of five was appointed: Jeremiah H. Witcher, John K. Revier, Calvin Logue, Larkin Witcher, and Boze B. Kitchens, to appoint a committee of three to draw up suitable drafts and memorials for the petitioners of a new county, which committee appointed the following: Wiley T. J. Witcher, J. F. Usry and Jeremiah Witcher.

Boze B. Kitchens and J. F. Usry were elected to bear these our petitions for a new county, to the next legislature.

The following resolutions were offered by Wm. M. Kelly, which were read and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We, the citizens of a portion of Warren and Jefferson counties, being remotely situated from the sites of our counties, and being deprived of the many immunities or privileges of which other portions of our counties are in the full enjoyment, and to which we are equally entitled; and for the removal of said disadvantages we have applied by petitions to our State legislature for a new county, and from some cause have failed, therefore be it.

Resolved, That through a petition we again ask it as a favor, and demand it as our right when applied for in a legal manner.

Resolved, That if we should apply for said county in a right and legal manner, nothing is wanting on our parts as applicants; and any member of the State legislature from Warren or Jefferson not using his whole influence both in the House and out-doors in favor of procuring the passage of a bill granting to us a new county, that we will brand the man, and if he should ever offer his services before the people we will not vote for him, but will use our united efforts in putting him down as a by-word, before the people.

Resolved, That if we should fail in this our attempt we will renew our efforts and redouble our energies, year after year and session after session; and as is said by one of old: "we will wrestle until the break of day," or else obtain our object and have a new county.

On motion of Boze B. Kitchens, the meeting then adjourned *sine die*.

PETER USRY, Chm'n.

J. F. USRY,	}	Sec's.
WM. M. Kelley	}	

Milledgeville *Recorder* will please copy.

**Court Record: Wills
Glascok County, Georgia
November 23, 1858**

P. 78-79-80 HEIRS OF JAMES KELLEY -- SUSANNAH KELLEY 21 Sept 1858
Heirs of James Kelley late of Glascok County and Susannah Kelley the widow of the deceased

agree to set aside his will-Susannah Kelley the widow shall hold all the land belonging to the estate on the south side of Travis Branch and southwest side of Rocky Comfort Creek with the exception of ½ acre in front of the gin also to the high water mark of the pond and of said gin being about 880 acres and 4 negroes, one buggy and mare etc-\$475 paid to Oren L Kelley and \$225 to Lawson Kelley. Susannah Kelley hath the privilege of retaining her mother Mary Kitchens with her during her lifetime. Signed Allen, James M, Seaborn R, George W, Francis M, Orren L, Lawson and Susannah Kelley.

Note:

Posted by Lauren Ward.

**Newspaper: Weekly Constitutionalist
Sandersville, Georgia
November 10, 1858**

Notice

Is hereby given to all persons having demands against the estate of James Kelley, late of Glascock county, deceased, to present them to me, properly made out, within the time prescribed by law, so as to show their character and amount; and all persons indebted to said estate are hereby required to make immediate payment.

FRANCIS M. KELLEY, Agent.

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**Court Record: George Washington Kelley Land Purchases
Glascock County, Georgia
November 23, 1858**

P. 86 GEORGE STAPLETON -- GEORGE W KELLEY 23 Nov 1858
George Stapleton of Jefferson County to George W Kelley of Glascock County for \$90.90 lot of land in town of Gibson containing 26 perches adjoining the public square Ltt 21

P. 87 NATHANIEL THOMPSON -- GEORGE W KELLEY 23 Nov 1858
Nathaniel Thompson to George W Kelley for \$47.50 lot of land in town of Gibson No 26 & No 37

Note:

Transcribed by Nancy Chiles.

**Newspaper: The Central Georgian
Sandersville, Georgia
April 10, 1861**

Editorial Correspondence.

Camp Oglethorpe, Macon, GA.,
April 5, 1861

As I promised to let the readers of the GEORGIAN hear from me as often as possible, and not knowing what moment we may be ordered to march, I date my first letter at this place. And just here I would say that, in these communications, it is my intention to follow our company through all its changes, in order that friends in our beloved county may know all concerning us every week. And now, in order to do this, I shall commence with our company at No. 13, C. R. R.

It was with heavy hearts that we looked for the last time, for the present, at least, upon the faces of those near and dear to us as they gazed anxiously after the departing train. None but those who have experienced the same can

know how painful was that last look. But soldiers should not carry such thoughts with them when they go to defend the rights of their country; and soon our men appeared quite cheerful. Pardon the digression, but here I must say what had the greatest tendency to produce that cheerfulness. On every hand I could hear the men speaking of the kindness of the citizens of the county in providing for their comfort and that of their families. Could those kind-hearted people at home have heard all that was said in their praise, they would have considered themselves amply repaid for all their trouble and expense. Such expressions as "I can go and fight cheerfully for such men;" "I shall never forget that man," (or that woman); and many others of like character. Let those who have contributed to our comfort and are watching over our wives and little ones at home, remember that their acts of kindness nerve us on to whatever may befall us; and should we be engaged in a hard-fought battle, it will cheer us on to greater exertions when we remember those noble hearts at home.

On arriving at the freight depot of the Central Railroad, in Macon, we were met by the Macon Guards, Lieut. Freeman commanding, and escorted to Camp Oglethorpe. Tired, dirty and hungry, we went to work to pitch our tents; and I venture the assertion, that never before did any of our company partake of fat bacon and bread with such a relish as on Tuesday night last.

We found nearly all the other companies and number of men, rank and file, of each company composing the regiment:

Bainbridge Volunteers,	Capt.	Evans,	81
Walker light Infantry,	"	Crump,	50
Washington Rifles,	"	Jones,	83
Southern Rights Guards,	"	Houser,	76
Gate City Guards,	"	Ezzard,	69
Comp'ny D, Southern Guards,	"	Wilkins,	75
Quitman Guards,	"	Pinckard,	74
Newnan Guards,	"	Hanvey,	79
Oglethorpe Light Infantry,	"	Adam,	--
Dahlonge Volunteers,	"	Harris,	--

Our company has been highly complimented on account of the soldier-like appearance of the men, and our green fatigue suit much admired. We have the largest and tallest men on the ground.

On Wednesday last an election was held for one Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, and Major, which resulted in the election of Lieutenant Ramsey, of Columbus, Colonel; Capt. Clark, of Augusta, Lieutenant-Colonel; Capt. Thompson, of Atlanta, Major. I am happy to state that Captain Jones received the next highest number of votes for Colonel, and but for our late arrival on the ground, I think might have been elected.

On yesterday the regiment was reviewed by Governor Brown. The scene was quite imposing. A large crowd of citizens, among whom were many of Georgia's fairest daughters, was present to witness the review. Gov. Brown - after reviewing the regiment on foot, assisted by his staff - delivered a very appropriate address, much of which I could not hear on account of my distance from the carriage in which he was standing.

Not having yet become accustomed to the noise and bustle of military life, I find it difficult to write. My writing-desk is a camp-stool, and I am writing in the open air with every imaginable order of noise around me. Fun, when the men are not on duty, is the order of the day. Our fair is none of the best. We are furnished with side bacon of the fattest kind, pilot or light-bread, (according to choice), sugar and coffee. One would think that, under the circumstances, the merchants of Macon would sell us such things as we need very cheap. But, on the contrary, some of them are disposed to put the tariff on us. Others have treated us very kindly, among whom I must mention the house of E. J. Johnson & Co. The ladies, too - bless their kind souls - have a plan on foot for providing us with a few of the luxuries of life in the way of vegetables, etc. Our mess received a nice lot of these esculents, a present from one of the noble-hearted ladies of Macon.

More fun aboard. I see Dr. *** coming into camp with a new banjo on his shoulder. Yes, and something's out. The men are forming; Capt. Jones takes the banjo and, with a few appropriate remarks, presents it to Mr. Taliaferro. Here come several other instruments - fiddle, tambourine, flute. The company are collected in the center of our camp, and

now for good dancing music. A soldier's life is not all gloom. That new banjo caused me to digress again. Among those in Macon who have contributed to our comfort, none have been more liberal than Mr. Thomas L. Ross.

But I must close. We do not know how long we shall remain here. Possibly only a few days longer. Here is a list of our company:

S. A. H. Jones -	Captain;
John W. Rudisill -	First Lieutenant;
B. D. Evans -	Second Lieutenant;
W. W. Carter -	Third Lieutenant;
C. M. Jones -	Ensign;
E. P. Howell -	Orderly Sergeant;
G. W. Warthen -	Second Sergeant;
J. M. G. Medlock -	Third Sergeant;
A. D. Jernigan -	Fourth Sergeant;
J. T. Youngblood -	Color-bearer;
W. J. Gray -	First Corporal;
A. T. Sessions -	Second Corporal;
W. H. Renfroe -	Third Corporal;
John R. Wicker -	Fourth Corporal.

Geo. R. Allen,	J. L. Amason,
F. M. Arnau,	J. M. Arnau,
M. A. Barnes,	Alfred Barnes,
W. B. Barwick,	Benj. Boatright,
English Cullens,	William Cason,
M. Fluker,	J. N. Gilmore,
T. J. Gilmore,	W. A. Grimes,
Harris Haynes,	S. S. Haines,
M. J. Jernigan,	S. B. Jones,
W. H. Jones,	J. T. Jordan,
George W. Kelley,	James R. King,
G. Kittrell,	W. Knight,
John W. Layton,	J. J. McCroan,
N. Massey,	A. McDonald,
J. J. Newsome,	J. K. Newsome,
Robert J. Pannel,	W. H. Parker,
George H. Peacock,	W. H. Pittman,
Charles Rawlings,	Wm. Rawlings,
Josiah Renfroe,	John Roberts,
W. G. Robson,	R. A. Robison,
B. F. Rudisill,	A. M. Scarborough,
William Smith,	James C. Smith,
Joel C. Stanley,	H. A. Soloman,
P. R. Taliaferro,	B. G. Tarver,
Jesse T. Trawick,	A. J. Trawick,
Reuben Veal,	R. Lee Warthen,
William Wall,	Charles Wall,
T. J. Warthen, Jr.,	E. Waitzfelder,
Wm. Watkins,	W. H. Wagner,
G. W. H. Whitaker,	Thos. O. Wicker,
Madison Whiddon,	Ben. Whiddon,

For the Central Georgian.

A DAY IN CAMP.

On Friday last we paid a visit to our friends, the "Washington Rifles," who were then encamped in Macon previous to their departure for Pensacola. At day break we found the camp astir, the 'reveille' having just been beaten, and our soldiers hurrying from their tents, some without hats, others without shoes, and still others without - well, as a truthful chronicler we must tell it - without their unmentionables, but all wide awake, answering to their names as they were called from the roll by the Orderly Sergeant. This duty performed, the fires are lighted, the different messes hasten with their water buckets to the well, coffee-pots, frying-pans, tin plates, cups and pocket knives are called in requisition, breakfast is prepared, camp stools are brought out, the boxes, (doing service as tables,) are set, and the meal is relished with a zest such as would be envied by the denizens of the "Metropolitan" or "Fifth Avenue."

After breakfast pipes and cigars are hunted up, and an hour or more is consumed in smoking or social confab, or visiting newly made acquaintances in the camps around them. The intervening time until dinner is consumed by the Sergeant in drilling squads of those who had recently joined the Company, and who sometimes performed evolution's, which are not laid down in "Hardee's Tactics" or "Gilham's Manual."

Other members of the Company go to market or shopping. And while on this subject, we could not help noticing the complaints of the soldiers in the camp, that they had to pay exorbitant prices for a good of many things which they had to buy; a fact which we scarcely could believe of the Macon store-keepers, but our observation convinced us that the complaints were just.

It is to be deprecated that the necessities of those who voluntarily left their firesides and comforts of home behind them, and offered their all on the altar of our common country, should have been taken advantage of.

But to a more pleasant subject. We notice, with peculiar pleasure, the efforts of the ladies of Macon (god bless them) to furnish the volunteers with all sorts of delicacies for the table. While we were in camp, Thomas L. Ross, Esq., the ex-U. S. Marshal, delivered to the Quarter-master of the Washington Rifles, on behalf of the ladies, a round of smoked beef, pickles and other goodies for which they feel grateful, and will ever hold the Macon ladies in kind remembrance.

At eleven o'clock we noticed busy preparations for dinner. Our curiosity led us to examine the bills of fare of the different messes, when, to our surprise, we found viands enumerated that ought to tempt an epicure.

In mess No. 1, the cooking of which is presided over by old Sharper, who is assisted by Jim and Hilliard, the latter of the Brown Hotel, Sandersville, we found as the bill of fare - fried bacon, from the Government storehouse; cold ham, turnips, fresh lobsters, pickled lobsters, duck eggs boiled, cornbread, lightbread, pilot bread, cheese, and coffee. This mess is composed of Capt. Jones, Lieutenants Rudisill, Carter, Evans, Ensign Jones, and color-bearer Youngblood.

In mess No. 2, composed of Sergeants Howell, Medlock, G. W. Warthen, A. D. Jernigan, and privates F. M. Arnau, J. M. Arnau and Dr. Jernigan, they had fried bacon, mutton soup, eggs, (the gift of a Macon lady) coffee and pilot bread.

Mess No. 3, composed of W. P. Ricklin, J. T. Warthen, Jr., W. B. Barwick, R. H. Veal, N. S. Massey, W. Watkins, W. Pittman, J. Brantley, J. Spillers and Wm. J. Jordan - their dinner consisted of fried bacon, catfish fried, cabbage, lightbread and pilot bread.

This was the only mess in camp which had fish for dinner. There is a fish story connected with this fish dinner, for the truth of which, however, we will not vouch; but as it is again. Mr. Wm. J. Jordan, in his peregrinations through the city on the previous night, happened to lose his way in returning to camp and got on to the railroad bridge, which connects East with West Macon. While walking there he made a misstep and found himself suddenly plunged into the Ocmulgee river. Luckily the water not being very high, he soon found his way out of it, and returned wet as a cat to the camp. The boys insist on it, that that thrifty young man as Jordan, is he had improved the opportunity, while in the water, to add to their stock of provisions by grabbing the fish which they had for dinner.

Mess No. 4, composed of Chas. Rawlings, Wm. Rawlings, Wm. Cason, Jno. Layton, A. McDonald, Jno. L. Amason, S. Haines, J. N. Haines, had as their bill of fare, boiled bacon, peas, rice, pilot bread and coffee.

Mess No. 5, composed of B. G. Tarver, J. J. McCroan, H. Wagner, J. K. Newsome, Josiah Rentroe, Parker and W. Wright. Their bill of fare was not comeatable - they all dined out.

Mess No. 6, composed of Ben Jones, Weaver H. Jones, Harris Haynes, M. A. Barnes, W. J. Gray, Haines Renfroe and Alfred Scarboro. Their bill of fare consisted of fried bacon, boiled peas, fried eggs, rice, boiled and fried, onions, pickles radishes, turnips, lightbread, pilot bread and coffee.

Mess No. 8, occupying two tents, 8 and 14, composed of Thomas O. Wicker, George Peacock, Jno. R. Wicker, Chas. Wall, Wm. Wall, Ben Boatright, Thompson Sessions, (the tallest man in the regiment) M. Fluker, Gabriel Kittrell and Geo. W. Kelley (the largest man in the regiment.) their bill of fare was boiled bacon, peas, pilot bread and coffee. In their tent we were shown a curiosity in the shape of a wooden spoon doing service for the whole mess, the handiwork of our friend Jno. R. Wicker.

In Mess No. 9, occupying two tents, 9 and 11, we found -Rufus Roberson, William G. Robson, Dr. Rudisill, P. R. Taliaferro, E. Waltzelder, Henry Solomons, Jno. N. Gilmore, Dr. Whitaker and R. L. Warthen. Their bill of fare was fried bacon, boiled eggs, fried potatoes, cornbread, cabbage, turnips, lightbread and butter, pickles, onions, cheese, and for desert sponge cake and water, in place of wine. A prominent character in this mess in Master Bill's Josh, who performs his services with an alacrity seldom equalled.

Mess No. 10, composed of Benjamin Whiddon, Madison Whiddon, John J. Jordan, J. R. Allen, J. R. King, J. C. Stanley and J. J. Newsome. Here was bacon fried, boiled peas, turnips, pilot bread, and gingercakes for desert.

No. 12 - composed of Bob Fannelle, James C. Smith and Jno T. Jordan - dined out. No. 13, is occupied by Alfred Barnes. He too, dined out.

On the whole, we notice that the meals were enjoyed very much by the soldiers, good jokes and hearty laughter giving a zest to their appetites. It is true that the diet furnished by the Government, which consists of fat bacon, rice, peas, coffee and pilot bread, is wholesome, yet there are but few of the volunteers who have ever been accustomed to it. It is only a cause like the one they engage in could make them exchange the comforts and enjoyment of home, for the rough life and usage of a camp.

Nearly all the soldiers supply their tables with various delicacies purchased with their private funds.

We feel particular pride and pleasure in stating, that found our own observation and information obtained, - unreadable- in the tents of the Washington Rifles; a fact of which the citizens of Washington county may well be proud. The intervening time between dinner and supper is consumed by drilling the whole company on the parade ground, where a large number of ladies enliven the scene.

Supper gone through with, a few hours are consumed in reading, conversation, and music, until 9 o'clock, when "tattoo" is beaten, and the roll is called again, the guards detailed and stationed and the rest retire to their tents to sleep, and dream, no doubt of those dear ones whom they left behind.

We will state here, that the duty of the guard is to march from one given point outside of the camp to another, and not to permit anybody to pass in or out without the password or authority from the officer of the guard. They are relieved every two hours.

Our time of departure having arrived, we bade the Washington Rifles "farewell," inwardly praying that a kind Providence may preserve them from harm, and restore them again safe to their friends and families.

Letters and papers to the Washington Rifles must be directed to Warrington, Florida, care of Capt. Jones, Washington Rifles.

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Note:

The word comeatable means accessible.

**Newspaper: The Central Georgian
Sandersville, Georgia
April 17, 1861**

Sandersville Volunteers.

The military spirit, it would seem, has not abated in old Washington. On Saturday last the “Sandersville Volunteers” assembled in the Court House and elected the following officers:

William Hodges-	Captian;
Edward B. Hook-	First Lieutenant;
Alexander Smith-	Second Lieutenant;
John B. Turner-	Third Lieutenant;
Thomas Warthen-	Ensign;
William F. Slade-	First Sergeant;
John E. Smith-	Second Sergeant;
Wm. A. Sparks-	Third Sergeant;
Joseph Smith-	Fourth Sergeant;
Henry L. Cox-	First Corporal;
William A. Cullens-	Second Corporal;
William M. Cox-	Third Corporal;
James G. Brown-	Standard-bearer.

This company numbers about sixty men, and is composed of such material as will command the respect of the enemy, should they ever be engaged in active service. The corps was organized on the same footing as the other volunteer companies of the State, and is the two hundred and twenty-ninth on the list. Seventeen being at Pensacola, still leaves two hundred and twelve companies at home. A very respectable army. The “Volunteers,” generally, we believe, repudiated the idea of stay at home, and expressed their determination to go where their country called. “Washington Volunteers,” or some other name identifying them with their COUNTY, we think would be more appropriate, as a majority of the company are from the country. However, we presume they will adopt a suitable name. A good feature in their organization is, that the uniform is to be of Georgia-made goods, and will be cheap, handsome and durable.

Corrected List of Washington Rifles.

We publish below a correct list, so far as we are able to learn, of the Washington Rifles now in Pensacola:

S. A. H. Jones -	Captain;
John W. Rudisill -	First Lieutenant;
B. D. Evans -	Second Lieutenant;
W. W. Carter -	Third Lieutenant;
C. M. Jones -	Ensign;
E. P. Howell -	Orderly Sergeant;
G. W. Warthen -	Second Sergeant;
J. M. G. Medlock -	Third Sergeant;
A. D. Jernigan -	Fourth Sergeant;
J. T. Youngblood -	Color-bearer;
W. J. Gray -	First Corporal;
A. T. Sessions -	Second Corporal;
W. H. Renfroe -	Third Corporal;
John R. Wicker -	Fourth Corporal.
Geo. R. Allen,	J. M. Arnau,
M. A. Barnes,	Alfred Barnes,

W. B. Barwick,	Benj. Boatright,
English Cullens,	William Cason,
M. Fluker,	J. N. Gilmore,
T. J. Gilmore,	W. A. Grimes,
Harris Haynes,	S. S. Haines,
M. J. Haines	Wm. P. Hicklin,
W. H. Jones,	S. B. Jones,
W. T. Jordan,	J. T. Jordan,
George W. Kelley,	J. J. Jordan,
G. Kittrell,	James R. King,
John W. Layton,	W. Knight,
N. Massey,	J. J. McCroan,
J. J. Newsome,	A. McDonald,
T. A. Orr,	J. K. Newsome,
Robert J. Pannel,	W. H. Parker,
George H. Peacock,	W. H. Pittman,
Charles Rawlings,	Wm. Rawlings,
Josiah Renfroe,	John Roberts,
W. G. Robson,	R. A. Robison,
B. F. Rudisill,	A. M. Scarborough,
William Smith,	James C. Smith,
James P. Smith,	John Spillers,
Joel C. Stanley,	H. A. Soloman,
P. R. Taliaferro,	B. G. Tarver,
Jesse T. Trawick,	A. J. Trawick,
Reuben Veal,	R. Lee Warthen,
William Wall,	Charles Wall,
T. J. Warthen, Jr.,	E. Waitzfelder,
Wm. Watkins,	W. H. Wagner,
G. W. H. Whitaker,	Thos. O. Wicker,
Madison Whiddon,	Ben. Whiddon,
Jesse Robson.	

CAMP OGLETHORPE, April 8th, 1861.

At a meeting of the Washington Rifles, called this day, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1st Be it resolved, that we return our grateful acknowledgments to those citizens of Washington county, who have generously contributed a fund for the maintenance of the corps while absent.

2nd Resolved, that we tender our thanks to those ladies and gentlemen of Sandersville and Washington county, whose patriotic liberality and generous hospitality, have contributed so much to the comfort and encouragement of the corps.

3rd Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the ladies and gentlemen of Macon, for their polite attention and disinterested kindness to the members of the corps. Such kindness, attention and liberal hospitality as we have received deserves and will ever receive our gratitude.

4th Resolved, that we tender out thanks to Mr. J. B. M. Elison, for his generous offer to cook and prepare provision free of charge for our use during our transportation from here to Pensacola.

5th Resolved, that the generous offer of Harnden's Express Company to execute all commissions for the Volunteers free of charge, entitles them to our gratitude, and gives equal evidence of their liberality and patriotism.

6th Resolved, that the foregoing resolutions be published in the Macon papers and the Central Georgian.

S. A. H. JONES, Chm'n.
W. W. CARTER, Sec'y.

Note:

The captain's full name is Seaborn Augustus Harrison Jones. Look at the newspaper The Central Georgian dating November 19, 1962 on the death of S. A. H. Jones.

What I see, he had three sons in this unit. Stephen Benjamin Jones (Private) was born on 1835 and died on May 10, 1882 Sandersville, Georgia. Charles M. Jones (Ensign) was born on 1839 and died on July 3, 1863, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Weaver Harrison Jones (Private) was born on 1841 and died on October 4, 1864, in Charleston, South Carolina.

**Newspaper: The Central Georgian
Sandersville, Georgia
June 5, 1861**

The Washington Rifles at Home.

Sunday morning last it was known that the Washington Rifles would arrive at the depot on the one o'clock train Monday morning, and spend two days among their friends prior to their departure for Virginia. The news spread throughout the country, and they were met at the station by a goodly number of citizens to welcome them home. Vehicles of various kinds were provided, and our brave volunteers were soon once more among their friends. Never have we, on any occasion, seen more genuine joy manifested than on their arrival. "The touch of nature that makes the whole world kin," shone out from all quarters.

The members of the Rifles were in fine health, and much increased in flesh, but sunburnt and tough. We predict that the enemy who comes in contact with the Washington Rifles will have no child's play.

The Rifles left on the one o'clock train yesterday, for Virginia, and were accompanied to the depot by an immense crowd. Farewells were exchanged, they sprang upon the train, and soon the gallant corps was on its way to battle against our country's invaders, determined to meet victory or death. They have gone from among us, many hundred miles, to fight for our cause; let us not forget them nor their kindred who are left behind. May the God of battles be their God.

"Do then, great liberty, inspire our souls, And make our lives, in thy possession, happy, Or our deaths glorious in thy defense."

Notes:

This points that the Washington Rifles came back home from the training they received in Pensacola, Florida. This paper was printed on Wednesday, and states that they came home Monday morning. This means that the date they came home from Florida, was Monday, June 3rd, 1861. As soon as the men came home, it looks as most left to go to Virginia immediately the following day on Tuesday, June 4th, 1861.

I have reasons to think that my 3 times great grandfather (George Washington Kelley Sr.) did not go with this group of men heading to Virginia. He will later enlist again to serve in the Company "B" 22nd Regiment of the State of Georgia as Second Lieutenant under Captain George H. Jones. He enlisted on September 3rd, 1861 to serve in this new unit.

Not to leave out, his wife (Susan) was pregnant at this time with their son (My great-great grandfather). This might had convinced him to stay with his pregnant wife. Their son was George Washington Kelley Jr., and he was born on November 17th, 1861. Seeing all of what is going on at this time, I'm sure that they would want to name the son after the father. The records show that George furloughed around November 26th, 1861, nine days after the birth of his son.

**Item: Muster Roll
Warren County, Georgia**

July 6, 1861

Muster Roll – Warren Co.

Glascok Independent Guards

To his Excellency, Joseph E. Brown, Governor of this State of Georgia,

Greeting,

We whose names are hereunto makes tender to you our service through our Captain for the war, for the protection of the rights of Georgia, and the rights of the Confederates State of America.

We desire to be posted whenever services are mostly needed.

July 6th, 1861.

George H. Jones Captain
Calvin Logue 1st Lieut.
George W. Kelley 2nd Lieut
Wiley G. Davis, Jr. Ensign
Joseph Davis 6th Sergt.
Benjamin Ivey 2nd Sergt.
James M. Williams 3rd Sergt.
Pleasant Davis 5th Sergt.
Harry P. Harris 1st Corp.
Wiley W. Kitchens 2nd Corp.
John Newsome 3rd Corp.
Lawrence T. Harden 4th Corp.

George W. Davis
Hiram H. Hawkins
Alphonso B. Rogens
Edward L. Dunham
William R. Logue
Henry Logue
Wunns B. Wasden
Ralph E. Dunham
John S. Lodd
George J. Asey
B. A. J. Kitchens
J. W. Brannin
N. L. Landsum
Jordan L. Johnson
Alfred Johnson
Richard Hobbs
James D. Smallwood
John Hobbs
Solomon D. Willson
Heny C. Harrison
James J. Georn
Nathan May
John B. Whitehead
Charchwell Burfield
Thomas Cooper
Benjamin F. Kitchens

Ivey Mccracia
Lewis J. Wraban
Jasper Boyd
Elisha Smallwood
William D. Griffin
Isaac Walden
John W. Davis
J. J. L. W. Mcneil
Inman Kelley
William C. D. Joiner
John J. Bales
Wiley G. Brodcock
Amos D. Dickson
H. P. Witerford
Thomas R. Raley
Julius C. A. Benfield
David Moat
Lawrence Kitchens
Gary Kitchens
Alfred Rhodes
Perrie Mctien
Asa H. Griffin
William Wallace Bruce
John W. Walden
Elcona Lood
Samuel Lockhon
A. L. Kimubren
Benajah Underwood
Herman H. Dawson
Joseph N. Willkins
James S. Wood
William H. Blankenship
William Kitchens, Jr
John G. H. Braddock
Samuel S. Marsh
Andrew J. Chambly
Joel English
Nicholas Dickson
Jeremiah Killibrew
Joshua Davis

Notes:

This was found on Anestry.com, under the file Georgia, Civil War Muster Rolls, 1860-1864. This was scanned document was written by hand, and hard to read.

The captain was George H. (Hoyle?) Jones. George was born in Warren County, Georgia about the year 1836. His parent were Adam Jones (born about 1794 in Georgia) Mary (born about 1796 in Georgia). His brother is named Mansfield J Jones. In the late 1850's, he was running a store in Gibson. He was also a postmaster few years before the civil war began.

He was wounded and captured at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on July 4, 1863. He was later elected as Colonel on November 14, 1863. He Paroled at Johnson's Island, Ohio and exchanged at James River, Virginia on March 22, 1865. On November 14, 1863, he became Colonel as the change of rank.

After the war ended, he served again as a postmaster for Gibson in the year 1866. He might have also become a Judge of Court in Glascock County, Georgia.

Newspaper: Weekly Chronicle & Sentinel
Augusta, Georgia
Wednesday Morning, August 21, 1861

More Georgia Regiments.

The following Companies are under orders to go into camp at Camp Stephens, to be established near Griffin, the 27th instant, in obedience to a requisition from Secretary Walker, calling on the Governor for a reserved army corps of three thousand volunteers from Georgia. These companies which will compose the 20th and 21st Regiments, Georgia Volunteers, are called into camp for drill and instruction, under the control and at the expense of the Confederate Government. They will remain in camp for such time as the President may direct previous to being ordered into active service. It is not known where they will be ultimately ordered, that being a matter wholly with the Confederate authorities:

1. County Line Rangers, Capt. L. A. J. J. Williams, Heard county.
2. Emanuel Rangers, Capt. John N. Wilcox, Burke county.
3. Irwin County Cow Boys, Capt. Jas. T. McDuffie, Irwin county.
4. Jackson Avengers, Capt. C. B. Harkey, Coleman Station, S. W. R. R.
5. Crawford Grays, Capt. W. P. Crawford, Richmond county.
6. Chatham Rifles, Capt. J. M. Norwood, Chatham county.
7. Sandersville Volunteers, Capt. T. J. Warthen, Washington county.
8. Irwin Volunteers, Capt. Tully Graybill, Washington county.
9. Troup Volunteers, Capt. C. S. Guyton, Laurens county.
10. Marion Guards, Capt. M. H. Blandford, Marion county.
11. Jackson Guards, Capt. C. J. Dennis, Crawford county.
12. Carswell Guards, Capt. N. A. Carswell, Wilkinson county.
13. Zachery Rangers, Capt. C. T. Zachery, Henry county.
14. Bibb Grays, _____, *t* Bibb county.
15. Brundige Rifles, Capt. H. E. Hymen, Wilkinson county.
16. Liberty Volunteers, Capt. W. P. Norman, Jefferson county.
17. Jackson Avengers, Capt. W. D. Redding, Pike county.
18. Taylor Guards, Capt. S. L. Brewer, Taylor county.
19. Appling Grays, Capt. O. A. Lee, Appling county.
20. _____, *a* _____, *xx* _____. *t*

The following companies are ordered to Camp McDonald at the same time and on the same terms, to complete the three thousand requisition as above, and will compose the 22d and 28d regiments:

1. _____, *a* Capt. _____, *xx* _____ county.
2. Ramsey Volunteers, Capt. R. J. Boyd, Columbia county.
3. Cobb Infantry, Capt. J. D. Mathews, Oglethorpe county.
4. Yancey Invincibles, Capt. James C. Nisbet, Dade county.
5. Glasscock Independents, Capt. Geo. H. Jones, Warren county.
6. Bartow Volunteers, Capt. John Gibson, Lincoln county.
7. _____, *a* Capt. R. H. Jones, Floyd county.
8. Henry Volunteers, Capt. Joseph T. Abbert, Newton county.
9. Floyd Springs Rifles, Capt. W. R. Bailenger, Floyd county.
10. _____, *a* Capt. _____, *xx* _____. *t*
11. Schley Riflemen, Capt. L. D. Lallerstedt, Richmond county.
12. Choestoe Guards, Capt. William P. Barday, Union county.
13. Talking Rock Wild Cats, Capt. John D. Steele, Pickens county.
14. Salocoe Volunteers, Capt. Thomas Hutcherson, Gordon county.
15. _____, *e* Capt. Benjamin King, Cass county.
16. Warsaw Rebels, Capt. H. W. Howell, _____. *t*
17. _____, *e* Capt. _____ Hockenhull, Dawson county.

18. ____ , e Capt. Samuel Tate, Pickens county.
19. ____ , e Capt. ____ Sharp, Cherokee county.
20. Rowland True Blues, Capt. B. G. Pool, Cass county.

t County not known.

xx Name of Captain not known.

a Company not designated.

e Name of Company not known.

Atlanta Intelligencer.

Notes:

George Washington Kelley, Sr. was in the Glascock Independents led by Captain George H. Jones.

Encampments of the 22nd Georgia Infantry

August 27, 1861 - November 15, 1861

Camp McDonald, Cobb County, Georgia

November 15, 1861 - November 23, 1861

Camp Lee, Henrico County, Virginia

(Note: a letter from Col. Harris to his wife dated Nov 30, 1861 gives Camp Lee as the regiment's location.)

December 1861 - February 22, 1862

Camp Blanchard, Portsmouth County, Virginia

(Note: letters from Col. Harris to his wife dated various dates in March and April 1862 all give Camp Blanchard as the regiment's location.)

April 1862 - May 1862

Camp Vincent, Suffolk County, Virginia

(Note: A letter from Col. Harris to his wife dated May 9, 1862 gives Camp Wright near Suffolk, Va. as the regiment's location.)

(Note: A letter from Col. Harris to his wife dated May 16, 1862 has the regiment bivouacked near Petersburg. A letter dated May 17, 1862 states they are camped about a mile and a half from Petersburg in an uncomfortable place.)

May 15, 1862 - May 22, 1862

Camp Grice, Chesterfield, Virginia. Also known as Camp Heights.

(Note: a letter from Col. Harris to his wife states they are in Bivouac in the woods nine miles of (sic) Richmond and on May 28, 1862 "On the road side in the woods.")

June 26, 1862

Camp Advance, Henrico County, Virginia

February 16, 1863 – April 1863

Camp Rescue, Caroline County, Virginia.

Source: Camp Fires of Georgia's Troops 1861-1865

By William S. Smedlund

Kennesaw Mountain Press - 1994

The above information on encampments of the 22nd Georgia Infantry can be found on the webpage:

https://web.archive.org/web/20060617050153/http://www.mindspring.com/~jcherepy/22d_ga/smedlund.html

Newspaper: Weekly Chronicle & Sentinel

Augusta, Georgia
Wednesday Morning, October 9, 1861

22d Georgia Regiment.

Robert H. Jones, Colonel.
J. W. Pritchett, Lieutenant Colonel.
Joseph Wasden, Major.
J. A. R. Hanks, Quartermaster.
Jasper L. Keith, Commissary.
J. A. Gerardeau, Adjutant.
Wm. H. Nisbet, Sergeant Major.

<i>Companies.</i>	<i>Captains.</i>
Glasscock Independent Guards,	G. H. Jones.
Warsaw Rebels,	H. M. Howell.
Henry Volunteers,	J. T. Albert.
Dawson Co. Light Infantry,	P. E. Willis.
Freemen's Infantry,	B. C. McCurry.
Bartow Volunteers,	John Gibson.
Gardner Volunteers,	T. S. Hundley.
Carter Guards,	J. D. M. M'Donald.
Schley Riflemen,	L. D. Lallerstedt.

Newspaper: Macon Telegraph, published as Macon Daily Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
March 25, 1862

Organization of the Regiments at Camp Davis.

The volunteers assembled at Camp Davis have been organized into four regiments and one battalion, as follows:

48th Regiment. - Richmond, Jefferson, Columbia, Burke, Warren, Emanuel, Glasscock, Twiggs, Johnson - 843 men.

49th Regiment. - Talliaferro, Wilkinson, Hancock, Telfair, Washington, Pulaski, Wilcox, Irwin, Laurens
- 850 men.

50th Regiment. - Decatur, Thomas, Colquitt, Brooks, Berrien, Lowndes, Clinch, Ware, Coffee, Pierce - 827 men.

51st Regiment. - Quitman, Randolph, Clay, Dougherty, Early, Miller, Mitchell, Terrell, Lee, Calhoun - 843 men.

The elections for field officers in the above regiments and battalion were ordered to be held on Saturday, the 22d inst., but we have not heard the result.

Since writing the above we find the following in the Augusta Constitutionalist:

MILITARY ELECTIONS. - We understand that the following elections have taken place in the regiment to which the Light Guards are attached:

William Gibson, Esq., of the Georgia Light Guards, Colonel. Lieut. Carswell, of the Jefferson Guards, Lieut. Colonel.

Mr. Whitehead, of Burke county, Major.

Julien Cumming, Esq., has been appointed Adjutant of the regiment. - *Sav. News.*

Notes:

Captain Allen Kelley was in charge of the 48th Regiment. His brother (George Washington Kelley Sr.) was never with this unit. But, they (Allen and George) had a cousin serving with the 48th Regiment, and his name is also George W Kelley.

**Newspaper: Macon Telegraph, published as Macon Daily Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
March 26, 1862**

Camp Davis.

The election of field officers of the four regiments and one battalion recently organized at this camp, took place on Saturday, and resulted as follows:

48th REGIMENT.

Colonel - William Gibson.

Lieutenant-Colonel - R. W. Carswell.

Major - J. R. Whitehead.

49th REGIMENT.

Colonel - Andrew J. Lane.

Lieutenant-Colonel - S. M. Manning.

Major - J. Rivers.

50th REGIMENT.

Colonel - William R. Manning. Lieutenant-Colonel - F. Kearse. Major - Philip C. Pendleton.

51st REGIMENT.

Colonel - William M. Slaughter.

Lieutenant-Colonel - Edward Ball.

Major - O. P. Anthony.

11th BATTALION.

Lieutenant-Colonel - G. M. Williams.

Major - A. C. Edwards.

The 48th and 51st regiments have been ordered by the Secretary of War to an important position, and will pass through this city today, en route to their place of destination.

Savannah News.

Note:

This was also printed-up for the March 28th paper as reprinted.

Captain Allen Kelley was in charge of the 48th Regiment. His brother (George Washington Kelley Sr.) was never with this unit. But, they (Allen and George) had a cousin serving with the 48th Regiment, and his name is also George W Kelley.

**Newspaper: Central Georgian
Sandersville, Georgia
April 23, 1862**

The Washington Rifles

Will meet in Sandersville on the first Saturday in May for the purpose of re-organizing for the war. This corps will be attached to a Regiment now being organized at Savannah. An election will be held on that day for every officer

from the Captain to the 4th Corporal. All wishing to serve their country in this, the hour of her need, are invited to come forward and enroll their name before it is too late.

Captain S. A. H. Jones,
Commanding Washington Rifles.

Notes:

From the time that this letter was written, different units were forming together and mustering into service. This information was from a webpage that I have found.

April-July 1862: Assigned to Wright's Brigade, Huger's-R.H. Anderson's Division, Army of Northern Virginia. The 44th Alabama Infantry and the 3rd, 22nd and 48th Georgia Infantry were brigaded together under Brigadier General Ambrose Wright.

April 19, 1862: Battle of South Mills

May 19, 1862: Skirmish at City Point by one company.

May 31 to June 1, 1862: Battle of Seven Pines. Colonel Harris was wounded.

This info above is from: <https://civilwarintheeast.com/confederate-regiments/georgia/22nd-georgia-infantry/>

Battle of South Mills, April 1862

On April 18, 1862, Federal forces landed in Camden County to begin a two-day march and fight directed at finding and destroying the locks on the Dismal Swamp canal system. Closing that system would prevent Confederate naval forces from sending ships from a shipyard in Virginia to the Albemarle Sound.

The landing action, now known as the Battle of South Mills, involved about 3,000 Union soldiers commanded by General Jesse L. Reno and 900 Confederates commanded by General Ambrose R. Wright. The battle was part of the Burnside Expedition, which had the wider goal of reclaiming northeastern North Carolina for the Union.

After the federal troops landed and moved toward locks on the canal, one group of men took a wrong road on the advice of their guide. That misstep led to an unplanned 10-mile march, and by the time the stray group reunited with the larger force, they found their fellow soldiers hotly engaged by entrenched Confederates.

The confusion prevented Union troops from reaching the locks, so the federal forces broke off the engagement allowing the Confederate troops to retreat from the scene. Both sides claimed victory—Union forces for retaining the field of battle and the Confederates for preventing the locks' destruction.

Purportedly, Federal forces executed the guide who took the circuitous road.

This info above is from: <https://www.ncdcr.gov/blog/2016/04/18/battle-of-south-mills-april-1862>

On May 19, 1862, members of the 4th and 22nd Georgia Infantry regiments engaged in a skirmish with about twenty Union troops by the banks of the James River. The Union navy responded by opening fire on City Point, damaging several homes. Meanwhile, Confederates captured some Union troops and killed and wounded others while they assisted sick white women in the town, sparking outrage from Union navy captain William Smith. Confederate general Benjamin Huger responded by telling Smith that the Union soldiers were "enemies," whose "very presence is an injury, inflicting loss of millions to our citizens. You must expect to be treated as enemies." Union navy ships remained off City Point through most of the spring and summer of 1862.

This info above is from: <https://encyclopediavirginia.org/entries/city-point-during-the-civil-war/>

**Letter: George Washington Kelley to General Samuel Cooper
May 24, 1862**

Camp on the Heights
Near Petersburg May 24th, 1862

Gen. S Cooper

Sir,

I here-by tender my resignation as ____ Second Leut in Co. B, 22 Georgia Regt. C. S. A. As my health has been very bad for months. I fear I shall never recover sufficiently to return to duty. I desire this to be immediate and unconditional.

George W. Kelley
Lieutenant Co. B 22 Regt Ga Vol

General Samuel Cooper
Adjutant and Inspector General
Richmond, Virginia

**Letter: John L. Wilkes Surgeon
May 28, 1862**

I do here-by certify that I have carefully examined Liut G. W. Kelley of Company B 22nd Regt Ga Vol C. S. A. and find him incapable of performing military duty because of Chronic Bronchitis. Superinduce upon an attach _____ last Nov. I _____ declare it as my opinion that said officer will not be fit for duty for months if ever.

May 28th, 1862
John L. Wilkes Surgeon
22nd, Regt Ga Vol. C.S.A.

Notes: What I have learned about the resignation of George Washington Kelley, Sr due to his health. George never entered The Battle of Seven Pines. He was in the part of the earlier Peninsula Campaign. Perhaps George was involved at the Battle of South Mills. A month later, he had participated in the Skirmish at City Point before he resigned from service. Through all what was happening, George was saying that he was sick the entire time. Also as suggested in the letter that his brother (Allen Kelley) wrote, camp life was wearisome for George especially when he was sick.

**Newspaper: Weekly Constitutionalist
Augusta, Georgia
Wednesday Morning, June 4, 1862**

Our Army Correspondence.

THE 22D GEORGIA REGIMENT AT CITY POINT, VA.

MR. EDITOR: The following is the special order of Col. R. W. Jones, issued after the late engagement at City Point:

HEADQUARTERS, 22D GEORGIA REGIMENT,	}
CAMP ON THE HEIGHTS,	}
May 21 st , 1862	}

SPECIAL ORDER, No. –

CAPT. J. T. ALBERT AND COMPANY: Your gallant conduct at City Point on the 19th inst., obtains full commendation. You did your part well. Every confidence may be reposed in your bravery and fidelity. Your

commanding officer is assured, that, when another opportunity shall occur, that your proud names shall suffer no diminution. – This lesson will teach our foul invaders that they may not plant their feet upon our soil with impunity:

You will accept the thanks of your commanding officer. By order of

COL. R. W. JONES,
22d Reg. Ga. Vol.

J. A. GERRARDEAU, Adjutant.

**Newspaper: Macon Telegraph, published as Macon Daily Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
June 14, 1862**

(Army Correspondence of the Constitutionlist)

Richmond, Va., June 6, 1862.

MR. EDITOR: There is no chance for an engagement this week. For the last two days there have been heavy falls of rain, which will prevent a forward movement, as the roads are a mass of mud, and it is impossible for the artillery to move forward. The enemy have fallen back two miles from their original position, and are busy entrenching and erecting batteries. Our army hold the same position they did before the fight. It is only a calm before the storm, as the battle cannot be postponed long, and Gen. Johnston is too wise a General to let the enemy throw up breastworks of a formidable character before the Capital of the Confederacy. Georgia will be well represented in the fight, having nearly all her regiments that are in Virginia in and around Richmond. The 48th Regiment moved from their encampment near the city today to the battle field, and will, in a short time, have a chance of trying their mettle.

There is little or no excitement in the city. The people are certain of the result, and therefore have no fears. There is a great deal of bad management in some of the Departments. - The city is allowed to be crowded with officers, who do nothing but lounge about the streets and hotels, while the poor privates are enduring the hardships of the camp, sleeping in the rain and mud. Every second person you meet in Richmond is an officer, or, at least, wears the uniform of one. The city is infested with gamblers who all wear officers uniforms; they thus evade going into the army.

The hospitals are crowded to excess, and some of the large stores on Main Street have been turned into hospitals. The ladies are ever in attendance on the wounded - even the little boys and girls are doing their part, sitting by the bedside of the poor sufferers, fanning them, and handing them their drink.

There is another flagrant wrong here which I deem my duty to speak of, viz: the paroling of Yankee officers, and letting them parade the streets, while our prisoners are shut up in forts and prisons without even fresh air to breathe. I saw two of them in Petersburg at the hotel, one a Captain and the other a 1st Lieutenant; they conversed freely with some gentlemen, and when asked if they thought they had no doubt of the result - it was merely a matter of time.

A large lot of political prisoners left this morning for the interior, as rascally a looking set of fellows as I ever laid eyes upon. The prisoners taken on Saturday and Sunday have also been sent away; they were a poor, miserable crowd, nearly all Dutch. On being asked what they thought of the fight, they answered, that if we had taken at long taw, they would have whipped us, but they could not stand our bayonet charges.

It seems the battle was won by the bayonet, we having but a few pieces of artillery engaged. The enemy had ten or twelve pieces pouring destruction on our men, while their infantry were protected by a thick brush-wood, extending over a mile. Our troops charged them with the bayonet, turned their pieces on them, and made them "skedaddle" in true Bull Run fashion. We captured thirty pieces of artillery, a lot of medical stores, and a great amount of army stores. The Yankees have learned a lesson, and will keep clear of our boys with the bayonet.

It is the opinion of the knowing ones here, that McClellan would retreat tomorrow if it was possible. If he retreats, he will be pursued by our forces and cut to pieces; and if he attacks Gen. Lee, he will surely be defeated. - He is bound to fail no matter what steps he takes.

It is the general opinion here, that is we are successful in the two impending battles, at Richmond and Corinth, there will be an end to the war. European powers will then see that the attempts of the North to subjugate the South, are futile, and will study their own interests by recognizing us, or interfering to stop the contest.

I met, on the street, today, friend Tweedy, of the Richmond Hussars. He looks quite hearty, but is somewhat bronzed by exposure; he is now First Lieutenant, having been promoted through the resignation of Captain Stovall.

L. J. R.

Notes:

Captain Allen Kelley was in charge of the 48th Regiment. His brother (George Washington Kelley Sr.) was never with this unit. But, they (Allen and George) had a cousin serving with the 48th Regiment, and his name is also George W Kelley.

**Newspaper: The Rome Weekly Courier
Rome, Georgia
July 4, 1862**

[For the Rome Courier.]

CAMP OF 22D GEORGIA REGIMENT,
June 24th, 1862.

To-day witnessed another severe battle, upon and near the field of the battle of the 31st of May and the 1st of June. About 9 o'clock the enemy advanced in force and attacked our pickets. The 22d Ga. 4th Ga., and 1st La. Regiments were immediately moved forward, and in a few minutes the battle opened in earnest. Our men bravely held their ground against considerable odds, and with disadvantageous position. The casualties on either, are not yet known, sufficiently to give anything like an accurate account. The wounded of the 22d Georgia Regiment have all been brought off the field.

The loss of the Regiment is probably about 15 or 20 killed, the wounded about 70.

As there are always exaggerated and unreliable rumors in circulation respecting a battle, I am induced to write this short communication for the benefit of the people of Floyd and Gordon counties, who have friends in the Regiment. The casualties among the Fireside Defenders, Capt. Jones, from Floyd, are as follows:

Killed – James Blackwood, shot in the head.

Mortally Wounded – John B. Burkhalter, shot through the body; Hickory H. Blackwell, shot in the head.

Severely Wounded – Joseph Sharp, in the forehead; W. P. Whitlock, through the face; J. Cassion, through the arm; John Smith, in the knee; David Watson, in the thigh.

Samuel Woodruff, contusion upon the thigh from a spent ball.

Missing: supposed to be prisoners – John Cornutt and Samuel Stewart.

W. C. BRANDON, Surgeon.

**Letter: Allen Kelley to George Washington Kelley, Sr.
A camp, Richmond, Virginia
July 20, 1862**

Dear brother, George W. Kelly,

Your much esteemed favor of the 14th or the 18th and was greatly refreshed by the pen of your lovely hand and would be glad you would rig the very weak this leaves me in tolerable health at present hoping it may reach you all in good health you said in your letter you was going to return to serve again I think you have tried so fishy to no you cannot stand camp life and you had better try to take care of your family I advise you to stay at home until high Spring enny how by that time you can tell better what to do I think at this time I will try to come home and attend the Session of the legislation this will give me an excuse to come home by that time the campaign will be over for this Session and we shall build winter quarters if we don't whip the Yankees before that time I think if we whip them again I think we shall not be much more trouble with them one more such whipping as they have just got will do them hear Brother F M. Kelly has been very sick with the mumps though he is up again Lawson is well tell the rest I will soon write

Allen Kelly

**Newspaper: Macon Telegraph, published as Macon Daily
Telegraph Macon, Georgia
July 28, 1862**

Correspondence of the Telegraph.

Retirement of Gen. D. H. Hill--His Last General Order to his Division.

Near Richmond, Va., July 22d, 1862.

Editor Telegraph. - Enclosed you will find the order of Maj. Gen. D. H. Hill on taking leave of his Division. He pays a just tribute to the brave men who won the battle of Seven Pines, and who mingled in the fiercest scenes of the late battles before Richmond. After the battle of Mechanicsville, this Division united with Jackson's army and was under his command. Hence in the accounts, it is rarely referred to as a Division, it being included in all that is said of what was accomplished by Jackson's army. The official reports when published will disclose that on Division of the army contributed more to the grand results which have been achieved. This may be inferred from the declaration of Gen. Hill, that this Division had "poured out more blood in the sacred cause of the South than any other in the army."

The following Brigades compose the Divisions:

1 st Brigade commanded by	Gen. Rhodes.
2 nd " "	Col. Colquitt.
3 rd " "	Gen. Garland.
4 th " "	Gen Anderson.
5 th " "	Gen. Ripley.

In these Brigades, there are six Ga. Regiments. The 6th, 23rd, 27th and 28th in the Brigade commanded by Col. Colquitt, and the 44th and 48th in that of Gen. Ripley. These regiments are sadly reduced by the casualties of the many battles in which they have been engaged. Are there not volunteers or conscripts who will take the places of the noble men who have fallen in these regiments? Will the proud spirited men of Georgia skulk under Surgeons' certificates, frivolous excuses and false representations from sharing the dangers and sacrifices of a common cause? The brave men who are here will still fight and endure, but it will be a burning shame, that their dangers and toils should be doubled because of the sluggishness or cowardice of those at home, who should be their comrades in the ranks.

Twigg.

HEAD QUARTERS OF DIVISION July 21, 1862

General Order, No.-

In pursuance of orders from the Headquarters of the Army, the undersigned relinquishes the present command to enter upon a new field of duty. It is with unfeigned pain and reluctance, he leaves a Division which, in the last two months, has poured out more blood in the sacred cause of the South than any Division in the army - which alone and unsupported drove the enemy from his abatis, fortifications and rifle pits at Seven Pines, capturing eight guns, the camp and stores of the enemy; and which at Mechanicsville, Cold Harbor, White Oak River and Malvern Hill, exhibited all those high and heroic qualities for which the Southern soldier is so remarkable. The Division, too, has been endeared to its commander by its uniform good conduct in the camps as well as in the field. The troops have ever shown by their quiet and conservative character, their orderly behavior and their prompt obedience, that they did not believe whiskey, bluster, profanity and rowdiness to be necessary adjuncts to the soldier.

May you ever maintain your present proud position; may you ever rebuke with scorn the wretches who desert your colors in battle or straggle from your ranks on the march and in the camps; may your future deeds be such that when your name is mentioned, it may send a thrill of joy through the heart of him who once had the honor of commanding you.

By order, D. H. Hill, Maj. Gen.

J. W. Tayloe, A. A. A. G.

**Court Record: Land Book of Glascock County, Georgia
Glascock County, Georgia
August 18, 1862**

State of Georgia Glascock County

By Seaborn Kitchens Ordinary for said county where as John Kitchens Sr late of said county deceased died intestate having whilest he lived and at the time of his death divers goods chattels rights and credits within the said state and it being proper rite and necessary that the goods and chattels of the said deceased should be collected and taken care of until a citation in due form of law can issue and it be ascertained to whom the right of administration doth appertain I do therefore hereby ordain depute and constitute William M Kelley with full power by the tenor of these presents to collect and take care of the moneys good and chattels of the said John Kitchens Sr deceased and the same safety to keep until it can be ascertained to whome the right of administration doth belong and thereupon the said William M Kelley immediately to deliver up the said moneys good and chattels to whomesover the court shall commit the administration of the said deceased agreeably to law

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature as ordinary for said county and seal of office this sixteenth day of August eighteen hundred and Sixty two
Seaborn Kitchens Ordinary

Recorded August the 18 1862 by George W Kelley Deputy Ordinary

Note:

This was transcribed by Nancy Chiles.

**Newspaper: Chronicle & Sentinel
Augusta, Georgia
Tuesday Morning, September 16, 1862**

By a letter from Captain Wilson, of the Wilson Tigers we learned that Colonel GIBSON was slightly wounded in the chin. Captain KELLY of the 48th Regiment was killed. The Regiment suffered severely and are now in front marching towards Baltimore.

Notes:

This was the mentioned death of Captain Allen Kelley who was in command of the A Company, 48th Regiment of Georgia Volunteers.

Newspaper: Southern Recorder
Milledgeville, Georgia
September 23, 1862

Casualties in Wright's Brigade.

IN THE SADDLE NEAR DRAINESVILLE, August 3rd, 1862. (I think it should be September 3rd.)

Fortunately I have just come up with General Wright, *en route* to Drainesville and he has been kind enough to instruct his Adjutant to furnish me with a list of the casualties in his brigade, which you will find enclosed herewith. Jackson reached Drainesville at noon today; other corps are moving in the same direction. The town is about midway between Alexandria and Leesburg - a little nearer perhaps to the former place - and some two or three miles only from the Potomac.

The route of the paroled prisoners has been changed from Harper's Ferry to Alexandria. *Gen Lee is quite willing for them to tell all they know.* Some 250 negroes have been sent in the opposite direction, we captured about 260 prisoners near Fairfax in the affair of Monday evening, the larger part of whom were wounded. - P. W. A.

List of Casualties in Brigadier General Aug. R. Wright's Brigade, Anderson's Division, on the 30th day of August, 1862, at Manassas.

BRIGADE FIELD AND STAFF.

Lieut. W. A. Wright, Ordnance Officer' son of General Wright, wounded. (leg since amputated.)

3rd Ga. Reg't - Maj. A. B. Montgomery, Com'ding.

Field and Staff: Wounded: Major A. B. Montgomery, slightly in the right thigh.

Company A; Wounded: Lt. D. J. Wright slightly; Private G. E. Glisson, severely.

Company B; Killed, R. A. Dennis, wounded: Lieut. W. O'Brien, slightly; Private H. C. Jones, severely.

Company C; Wounded: Lieut. Saunders slightly; Lieut. Hilyer, in hand; Serg't Chapman, in leg, Private E. B. Chaney, in leg; B. F. Barnwell, in back,

Company D; Wounded: Wm. Hall, in thigh.

Company E; Wounded: Lieut. Allen, severely; Lieut. Royal, slightly; Serg't Finney, slightly; Private T. Amason, severely; Private T. Amason, severely.

Company F; Wounded: Sergt. F. Chambers, severely; Privates S. B. Plair, severely; J. T. Hatfield, shoulder.

Company G - Wounded: Private J. Price, A. R. Jones, slightly.

Company H; Wounded; Privates W. A. Cook, L. W. Jarman, G. S. Cowan, slightly.

Company I; Wounded: Private G. C. Taylor, slightly.

Company K; Wounded: Corp'l Sam Hays, severely; Privates McKenzie, severely; J. L. Rice, slightly; J. D. Durham severely; Sergeant W. H. Martin severely.

Company L; Killed: Private Redman.

Several who were struck and might have been reported at first are left off this report, as they have returned to duty. Lieut. Hillyer, though unable to use his, hand, is still here for duty.

Recapitulation: Killed, 2; wounded, 29; missing, 1. Total, 32.

22nd Ga. Regiment - Col. R. H. Jones commanding.

Field and Staff: Wounded: Lieut. Col. Jos Wasden in leg.

Company A: Killed: 2d Lieut. S. M. Smythe; Wounded: Privates C. Jenkins, R. Lanston, Wm Maxwell, David Dickey, slightly.

Company B, Wounded: Capt. G. H. Jones, slightly, Private M. Smith slightly.

Company C: Killed Private John Rose. Wounded: Privates G. W. Holland, severely, John Siniard, J. B. Grogan, J. M. Duncan, M. V. Shelton, D. Saunders, J. M. Echols, slightly.

Company E - Killed: Privates J. H. Crisler, T. J. Edmondson. Wounded: Corporal D. Chisler, mortally; Privates R. S. Manning, Richard Rod, J. H. Chimes, B. F. Crisler, John Smith, John Lawson, J. McAllister, T. J. Johnson, T. J. Crisler slightly; A. K. Johnson severely.

Company F: Killed Sergeant Wm. Grissum, Corp'l J. B. Bussy, Private Wm Cook.

Company G: Killed F. Ellis, Private W. W. Ligon. Wounded: Lieut. S. B. Treadaway, mortally; Privates L. Tucker, T. J. Hunt, mortally; B. F. Loyd severely; J. D. Fuller, A. J. Thomas, slightly.

Company H; Killed: Ensign J. A. L. Heath. Wounded: J. L. Sherley, slightly, Privates B. English, B. B. Skelly, severely; W. F. Lassiter, slightly.

Company I; Killed: Private A. Lee. - Wounded; Serg't J. Tatum; Private J. J. Slater, slightly.

Company K; Killed: Capt. J. T. Albert, Pte E. Boyd, L. Hanley. Wounded Serg't J. M. Bowen, severely; Privates L. H. Thomson, A. Wilson, H. W. Clark, J. B. Cook, J McGarity, slightly; B. F. Pertilla, mortally; W. Hinton, mortally; H. George, severely; J. Townsden, slightly.

Killed, 14; wounded, 47; missing none; Total 61.

48th Ga. Regiment Col. Wm. Gibson Commanding.

Field and Staff - Wounded: Col. Wm. Gibson.

Company A: Killed; Capt Allen Kelley. Wounded: Corp'l J Denton, Privates W. Davis, W. W. Moat, H. Rayburn, J. Chalker, S. J. Braddy, Missing: J. Howell.

Company B; Killed: Private W. W. Perkins. Wounded: A. W. Battle, A. J. Ivey, E. Carey, L. P. Dozier, Wm Reese.

Company C; Wounded: Privates J. Ware, W. W. Scott, J. J. Price.

Company D; Killed: Private E. Andrews. Wounded: Private H. Heath, G. Utley, E. Harrell.

Company E; Killed: Privates W. A. Dunn, T. J. Veal. Wounded Lieut W. A. Spier, Privates J. K. Coleman, L. B. Tarver, L. B. McDonald, J. H. Fields, JamesPeetles.

Company F; Killed: Privates J. Neal. Wounded: Sergeant A. S. Paul, Corp'l J. S. Roland, Privates Thos Gains, J. A. Pallet, L. Ricks. Missing Corp'l River.

Company G, Killed: Serg't B. G. McCord Wounded: Serg't W. Gordman, Privates J. R. Asbell, S. F. Asbell, Jas Rogers, J. Barnes, Geo. Bateman, John Linton, Thos O'Neal.

Company H, Killed. Private S. B. Johnson, R. C. Edenfield Wounded: Lieut. A. C. Flanders, Private Robt. Lewis, Wm Boyd, D. H. Smith, R. B. Thompson, J. Coleman.

Company I, Wounded: Corp'l J. Matthews; G. P. Thompson, J. Traitor, T. Burch. Missing: R. Kent.

Company K, Killed, W. Whaler. Wounded: R. B. Tankersley, A. W. Parhem, D Ramsey. Missing; W. F. Philips.

Killed, 10; wounded, 51; missing 5. - 66.

44th Ala. Regiment, Lt. Col C. A. Derby Com'dg.

Company A, Killed: Private R. F. King, Wounded: Corp'ls J. E. Jenack, Zachariah Roland, privates Jos Roberts, H. L. Gunn, Wm Watly, J. C. Trawick, Henry Godwin, Jno Hardy.

Company B, Killed: Private M. Nolen, Wounded David Stephens.

Company C, Wounded: Privates J. McNamee, W. D. Purifoy.

Company D, Killed: Capt. Wm T. King, Private W. Large.

Company E, Wounded: Private J. W. Dodson, Henry Mimis.

Company F, Wounded: J. Tendrew, J. Espy.

Company G, Killed: Capt Thomas C. Daniels. Wounded: Private R. H. Shivers.

Company H; Wounded: Serg'ts J. S. Gardner, F. M. Fancher, Private J. Fulgrum.

Company I, Private J. L. Titchell.

Company K, Wounded: Privates W. N. Parker, J. M. Henderson. Killed, 6; wounded 22; missing, 2. - 30.
RECAPITULATION.

	Killed.	Wn'd.	Miss'g	Total
Brigade Field and Staff,	00	1	00	1
3d Georgia Regiment,	2	29	1	35
22d " "	14	47	00	35
48th " "	10	51	5	66
44th Alabama Regiment,	6	22	2	30
	32	150	8	190

3d Georgia regiment carried into action 300 men; 22d Georgia, 172; 48th Georgia, 200; 44th Alabama, 145. Total, 817.

N. J. B. GUARDY, Capt. & A. A. General.

Note:

I tried to type faithfully as to what was printed up in this newspaper report. The punctuations were not right. I think there was no proof reading, and there was more a concern trying to get the information out quickly.

**Item: Will of Allen Kelley
Glascok County, Georgia
November 3, 1862**

WILL OF ALLEN KELLEY deceased

State of Georgia
Glascock County

In the name of God Amen

I Allen Kelley of said state and county being of sound and disposing mind and memory and being now about to leave home to engage in the present war, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, deem it right and proper both as respects my family and myself to make a disposition of the property with which a kind providence has blessed me

First I desire and direct that after my decease that all my just and lawful debts be paid without delay by my executors herein after named and appointed as soon as possible

Second The residue of my estate real and personal I give and bequeath as follows: To my beloved wife Narcissa Kelley I give and bequeath the residue of my estate real and personal for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood with the following exceptions and restrictions that is to say should my wife marry in and during her widowhood then I direct that all my estate be equally divided between my wife and children shear and shear alike

Third I desire and direct that when either and all of my three daughters to wit Nasisa Kelley Martha Ann Eliza Kelley and Anta Vanna Kelley shall arrive at the age of Eighteen years they shall have the amount of Seven hundred dollars each. To have one hundred dollars in money and a Negro worth six hundred dollars. The negroes to be valued then as like negroes is now

Fourth I desire and direct that all of my children besides those named in the above third Item to have the like shear of one hundred dollars and a negro worth Six hundred to be appraised and rated as specified in said third Article except Susannah Swint now the wife of John Swint Jr the reason why I except her is that she has already received the amount of seven hundred dollars.

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Fifth I direct that all my children now at home with me be sent to school until they obtain a common English Education to be sent at such time and places as is suitable to their circumstances of life

Sixth I order to be more definitely understood with regard to the kind and how I desire the negroes to be rated that I direct to be given to my children as mentioned in the third and fourth Item of this will I will here state that the one I give to Susannah Swint was a negro girl about six years of age which I rated at Six hundred dollars and in carrying out the provisions of this will I desire that those bequeathed to my other children should be rated in like manner

Seventh I hereby nominate and appoint my worthy brother William M Kelley and my friend John Swint Sen Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking other will heretofore by me at any time made Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of March AD 1862

Allen Kelley

Signed Sealed and declared and published by Allen Kelley as his last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned who subscribe our names hereto in the presence of said testator at his special request and in the presence of each other this March 8th, 1862

James S Fowler
Tobias Logue
John J Barfield

Glascock Court of Ordinary
November Term 1862

The will of Allen Kelley being produced in open court for probate by the Executors who has filed their petition to prove the same and Two of the witnesses to said will James Fowler and John J Barfield having subscribed the following affidavit

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Indorsed on Said will

November Term of the court of ordinary of Glascock County come in open court at this regular term of the court James S Fowler and John J Barfield and who being duly sworn depose and say that they saw Allen Kelly sign and publish the within as his last will and testament while of sound and disposing mind that they witnessed the same for him at his request and in his presents and in the presence of each other and that the same was executed voluntarily by him on the day it purports to have been done and that they saw Tobias Logue subscribed the same with them as a witness likewise

James S Fowler
John J Barefield

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this Third day of November
1862 Seaborn Kitchens Ordinary

State of Georgia
Glascock County

I Seaborn Kitchens, Ordinary of said county do hereby certify that the forgoing is a true copy of the last will of Allen Kelly duly proven before me in common form at the November Term of the court of ordinary at a regular Term of said court that William M Kelley and John Swint named in said wills as Executors duly qualified before me at said Term and to vest them with full authority to Execute said will I have duly issued to them Letters Testamentary annexed to said copy of will. In testimony whereof I the said ordinary have hereto set my hand and seal of office This third day of November Eighteen hundred and sixty two

Seaborn Kitchens Ordinary
of Glascock County Geo

Notes:

This was posted by Shelley Fielding. Also, shared by Robert Kelley.

Newspaper: The Central Georgian
Sandersville, Georgia
November 19, 1962

Death of Capt. S. A. H. Jones.

We scarcely know how to begin the sad recital of the death of our former Captain and constant friend. On Saturday afternoon last, as he and his wife were driving from his plantation to and just as they were entering town, the horses took fright and dashed off at a violent rate. After running a short distance, one of the breast straps broke, letting the pole, or tongue, of the buggy down and rendering the horses entirely unmanageable. In this condition they ran on until the wheel of the buggy struck against a stone or something lying in the street (do not know what,) with such force that Capt. Jones was thrown from the buggy with terrible force, falling on his head and right shoulder, inflicting a dreadful wound in the head, fracturing his collar-bone and doing other serious injuries. The buggy wheels also passed over a portion of his body producing severe wounds. Really we cannot see how anyone could have been more horribly mangled by such a fall, without producing instant death. Mrs. Jones, as she was in the act of falling from the buggy, caught hold of the dash-board and held on until the horses were arrested in their flight by the wheels running into Mr. Newman's fence, and escaped unhurt. But the Captain never spoke or knew anything after he fell. He was carried to the residence of Maj. Hodges, where all that medical skill could suggest was brought into requisition, but could not avail him. The Great Father above had seen that it was time for the old soldier to lay

aside his armor. He remained in a perfect state of unconsciousness, like one in a profound slumber, until Monday morning half-past nine o'clock, when with one slight struggle, the immortal spirit took its flight and Capt. S. A. H. Jones was no more.

Thus it is that another of our brave defenders, another of Washington county's noblest sons, has been called away, and difficult indeed will it be to fill his place. 'We speak what we know and testify to what we have seen' when we say, that a braver soldier, or one more devoted to his country could not be found. We cannot refrain from giving a little incident which was related to us of Capt. Jones, by a Virginian, who overheard it himself. Said he to us one day, "that Captain of yours will do to tie to." Said he "I passed him one day when the company was lying down in the woods at Laurel Hill, and the enemy were expected every moment. The old Captain was walking up and down the line as the men lay on the ground, and talking to them as a father would to his children fearing not for himself. His language was "keep cool, boys. Remember the State you represent. Aim low, and never disgrace the old State of Georgia."

And so it was with him always. The post of danger was his choice. But the shortness of time forbids our saying more of this noble patriot in this number. And as we presume some one more competent will prepare an appropriate notice, we forbear. And still it is difficult for us to close these remarks. Having known him long and loved him well, it is hard to say 'farewell' Scarcely can we realize that he now lies clothed for the grave, in the well-worn uniform which he used during the campaign last year. But so it is. Escaping death on every hand during that perilous campaign, he returns home to fall, in the midst of his friends, a victim to a vicious horse.

Would that we could soothe the grief of his afflicted family. Two of his sons are far away in the service of their country, while the other is home on furlough in very feeble health. May He that tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, comfort this bereaved wife and sons.

The funeral services took place yesterday at 11 o'clock.

Note:

His full name is Seaborn Augustus Harrison Jones.

**Newspaper: Weekly Constitutionalist
Augusta, Georgia
December 17, 1862**

Special Correspondence of the Constitutionalist.
GEORGIA LEGISLATURE.

MILLEDGEVILLE, Dec. 6, 1862

RESOLUTIONS IN REFERENCE TO DECEASED MEMBERS.

The committee appointed to report resolutions in regard to the death of Hons. Allen Kelley, Homer Key, David D. Dumas, and Thos. Hudson, submitted the following report, through Mr. Culberson, Chairman, which was taken up and adopted:

This body has received intelligence of the death of Hons. Allen Kelley, of the county of Glascock, Homer M. Key, of the county of Chattooga, and Thos. Hudson, of the county of Gwinnett, members of this House at the time of their deaths. The two former died in the military service of the Confederate States, Allen Kelley was a Captain in the 48th Georgia Volunteers, and while nobly discharging his duty, fell mortally wounded, at the last battle of Manassas, on the 30th day of August, 1862, from which wound he died the next day. Homer M. Key was 1st Lieut. in Company C, 45th Regiment Georgia Volunteers, and died of disease contracted while in the discharge of his duty. His commanding officer bears willing testimony that in his character were blended all those noble traits which constitute the good citizen and brave soldier. Both these died in the vigor of manhood and prime of life. D. D. Dumas died at his own home in Chattooga county, in the midst of family and friends, honored and respected; he was an upright citizen, a safe and prudent legislator, and an honest man, Thomas Hudson died in Gwinnett county since the convention of this House. He had lived to an advanced age, and had spent his life in the bestowment of those

private and public charities which are so commendable, and to which his surviving friends recur with unfeigned pleasure, Therefore.

Resolved, That in the death of Hons. Allen Kelley, Homer M. Key, David D. Dumas, and Thomas Hudson, this House had been deprived of four of its members, the State of the same number of her faithful citizens, of those who, in the various positions to which they had been called, had served her with honor to themselves and benefit to the State.

Resolved, That we offer to the families of our deceased friends our respectful sympathy in their bereavement.

Resolved, That as a token of respect to the memory of our deceased friends, this House do now adjourn until Monday next.

Committee:

A. B. CULBERSON,
L. A. McAFFEE, RICHARD WALTON,
R. H. HUTCHINGS.

Letter: Susan J. Kelley to W. H. S. Taylor
April 29, 1863

Ga. Glascock County
April 29th, 1863

Mr. W. H. S. Taylor
Second Auditor CS

Dear Sir, I here send my claim for the amount that may be given me as heir of my deceased husband which when the drawance State of the treasury will permit you will please direct for me and send to me by express mail or by private conveyance.

My post office is Gibson Glascock County Ga

Very respectfully,
Susan J. Kelley

Note:

This letter including in the application of a widow's pension. This had led me in much confusion that this was Susan Kitchens Kelley (My 3 time's great grandmother). I thought this was the death of George Washington Kelley Senior (1828-1907). I wondered why is it that Susan would be applying for the pension, knowing her husband didn't die in the civil war. Seeing those two names, Susan J. Kelley and George W. Kelley confused me to thinking they are my three times great grandparents. The court record below with the same date as this letter clears of a lot of misconceptions.

Letters: Court Records
April 29, 1863

State of Georgia, County of Glascock.

On the twenty-ninth day of April AD 1863. Personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Susan J Kelley, who after being sworn according to Law deposes and says that she is the widow of George W Kelley deceased who was a private soldier of Captain Allen Kelley's company which was company A of the 48th Regiment of Georgia Volunteers commanded by Colonel William Gibson in the Service of the Confederate States in the present war with the United States that the Said George W. Kelley entered the Said Service by company organization at Warrenton in Warren County Georgia on the 4th, day of March AD 1862 and by Regimental organization at Camp Davis near Savannah Georgia on or about the fifteenth day of March AD 1862,

and Died at Richmond Virginia on the first day of February AD 1863 by sickness leaving this dependent his widow and two infants children. That the said Susannah J Kelley makes the deposition for the purpose of attaining from the Government of the Confederate States whatever may have been due the said George W Kelley at the time of his death for pay bounty or other allowances for his services as private as aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed before me	}	
Abraham Brapell J P	}	Susan J Kelley
	}	

And on the same day and year aforesaid personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace as aforesaid George W Kelley Sr. who is well known to me to _____ and whom I have certified to be a person of versatile and credibility who having been by me duly sworn on oath that is his well acquainted with Susan J Kelley the claimant and also well known for twenty five years George W. Kelley the deceased soldier herein mentioned and that the statement made under oath by said Susan J Kelley the statement as to her relationship to the said deceased soldier is true and correct in every particular to the best of his knowledge and belief and that the said George W Kelley is wholly disinterested.

Sworn to and subscribed before me	}	
Abraham Brapell J P	}	George W Kelley Sr.
	}	

State of Georgia, County of Glascock.

I hereby certify that Abraham Brapell the gentleman before whom the forgoing affidavits of Susan J Kelley and George W Kelley Sr. appear to have been made and whose genuine signature is subscribed then to warrant the time of making and signing the same a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn and to all whose office acts as such full faith and credit is and ought to be given as well in courts of Justice as instructed in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand as ordinary for the county aforesaid and seal of office this twenty ninth day of April AD Eighteen hundred and sixty three.

Seaborn Kitchen ordinary
Glascock County, Ga

Note:

This record clears the misconceptions that I had on this Susan J. Kelley. I couldn't understand why her dead husband would sign this record. Very faintly I could see the name George W. Kelley Senior name. I then realized, no! this is my living three times great grandfather who signed this document. George was signing his name to this document, trying to help to what I now know is his cousin's wife.

This George W. Kelley was the son of Norrell Kelley and Sylvia Land. He was born around the year 1833, and he was married to Susan Jane Sutton.

Also, this clears another misconception I had in the thought that George Washington Kelley Senior served in the same unit of the Captain Allen Kelley (his brother). Clearly, this son of Norrell Kelley and cousin of George and Allen's. This George W. Kelley was the one who died of pneumonia in the Chimborazo Hospital at Richmond, Virginia on February 1, 1863, husband of Susan Jane *Sutton* Kelley.

Newspaper: Tri-weekly Constitutionalist
Augusta, Georgia
September 2, 1866

Executor's Sale.

WILL be sold, before the Court House door in the town of Gibson, Glascock county, Ga., on the first Tuesday in NOVEMBER next, within the legal hours of sale, all the LANDS belonging to the estate of Allen Kelley, late of said county, deceased, lying on the waters of Rocky Comfort creek, containing six hundred and sixty acres, more or

less, adjoining Lands of estate of James Kelley, deceased, Joel English, William G. Johnson and others; said Land will be sold in three separate pieces, one of which is the Homestead, containing three hundred and seventeen acres, on which is situate a good dwelling and other suitable improvements pertaining to a plantation; one other tract lying on both sides of Rocky Comfort creek, containing one hundred and sixty-eight acres, more or less, on which is situate a good Packing Screw and Gin Seat; the other piece containing one hundred and seventy-six (176) acres, adjoining Land of Wm. M. Kelley, William G. Johnson and others, on which is situate some new Log Cabins and some fifty acres of cleared Land in a good state of cultivation.

The undersigned will take pleasure in showing said lands to any person wishing to purchase upon application to him.

Sold by virtue of the last will and testament of said deceased, for the benefit of the heirs at law. This 30th day of August, 1866.

WILLIAM M. KELLEY, Executor.

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**Newspaper: The Central Georgian
Sandersville, Georgia
December 4, 1866**

GEORGIA - Washington County.

By Haywood Brookins, Ordinary.

Whereas, George W. Kelley applies for letters of Guardianship for Anna Whiddon minor child of Solomon Whiddon, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all persons concerned to be and appear at my office on or before the first Monday in January, and show cause if any they have, why said letters should not be granted. Given under my hand at office in Sandersville this November 28th, 1866.

HAYOOD BROOKINS, Ord'y. Nov. 28, 1866.

**Newspaper: The Central Georgian
Sandersville, Georgia
January 8, 1868**

We regret to learn of the recent death of two estimable ladies of this county. Mrs. Kelley the wife of George Kelley Esq., and Mrs. Coston, the wife of Rev. Jas. W. Coston. Both leaving husbands and children to mourn their loss.

Note:

George Kelley wife was named Susan the daughter of John Jack Kitchens and Susan *Jones* Kitchen. Susan *Kitchens* Kelley passed away in December 29, 1867 at the young age of 33 years.

**Court Record: George Washington Kelley and Sarah Jane Hook Marriage Certificate
Washington County, Georgia
March 5, 1868**

STATE OF GEORGIA, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

To any Minister of the Gospel, Judge, Justice of the Inferior Court, or Justice of the Peace.

You are hereby authorized to join *George W. Kelley* and *Sarah J. Hook* in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the CONSTITUTION AND LAWS of this State: and for so doing this shall be your sufficient LICENSE.

Given under my Hand and Seal, This *2nd*
Day of *March* 1868

Haywood Brookins **ORDINARY** L. S.

Georgia, *Washington* County.

I do Certify, That *George W. Kelley* and *Sarah J. Hook* were duly joined in Matrimony by me, the *5th* day of *March* 1868

Recorded this

Cicero Gibson M. G.

Newspaper: The Central Georgian
Sandersville, Georgia
September 30, 1868

Dissolution.

The Co-partnership in the Saw Mill and Lumber business heretofore existing under the name and style of Kelley & Usry, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, by the retiring of Geo. W. Kelley. The business will be continued by Dr. J. F. Usry, who is authorized to collect and settle all demands for or against the firm.

George W. Kelley,
J. F. Usry.

Sept. 9, 1868

I will continue the business of the Saw Mill and Lumber trade, where I hope to be able at all times to accommodate purchasers with all kinds of lumber on as reasonable terms as any market in Georgia. I will sell averages bills of lumber at fifteen (15) dollars per thousand, and will allow twenty-five (25) cents per pound for middling cotton in payment at the above rates. To all who may be indebted to the late firm of Kelley & Usry will call upon G. W. Peacock who is authorized to receive and receipt for money due the said firm during my absence from Washington county.

J. F. Usry

Sept. 9, 1868

Notes:

This newspaper spelled the name Kelley as Kelly. I corrected the spelling in this news story.

From the Kelley of Glascock Book, it points that George Washington Kelley Sr. was not new in the saw mill and lumber business. There in the book is typed...

"In 1867, George W. Kelley settled in Washington County, Georgia, a mile north by east of Sandersville on the road to Warthen. Rocky Branch runs through the property. From there he farmed and operated a lumber mill at "Sun Hill." Settlement in Washington County is confirmed by a deed of purchase of Nov. 29, 1867, from William G. Wall of 215 acres of land "on the road to Sheppard's Bridge on Buffalo Creek," for \$1,400. One of the witnesses was Lawson Kelley."

Newspaper: The Central Georgian
Sandersville, Georgia
March 10, 1869

Pocket Book Lost.

LOST in Sandersville, on the 24th ult., a common Leather Pocket Book. Said book, contained \$20 in Greenbacks, and one note on Jas. S. Hook, dated sometime in the year 1865, for \$160, made payable to the undersigned, and one due bill on Wm. H. Sumner, for \$25, payable to me, date not remembered. Also, various other papers. I will give a reward of \$20 to the finder upon his returning Pocket Book and contents, to me. I also forewarn any one from trading for said notes or due bill, and the makers will settle with no one but myself.

GEO. W. KELLEY.

March 3, 1869.

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Newspaper: The Central Georgian
Sandersville, Georgia
January 19, 1870

Attachment Sale.

Will be sold before the Court-house door in Sandersville, on the first Tuesday in February next. Four Mules, two Buggies and Harnesses, one Bull, one Yoke Steers, on Marble top Side Board, one bolt bagging, one sack Guano. Levied on as property of Harriet M. Richardson, to satisfy one attachment, returnable to the next Term of the Superior Court for said county, in favor of George W. Kelley Sr. Vs the said Harriet M. Richardson. Sold by order of said Court.

R. MAYO, D. Sheriff

Jan. 19, 1870. Tds

Newspaper: Savannah Advertiser
Savannah, Georgia
January 7, 1872

Hotel Arrivals.

Screven House. - E. A. Souder, Phila; W. R. Tompkins, H. M. Messinger, Geo S. Wickham, N. Y.; F. Incomb Hood, England; Geo C. Myers and wife, Wilmington; Capt A. Durkee, city; R. F. Robb, Eufaula; S. A. Haines, Phila; N. G. Bozeman, N. J.; Geo W. Kelley, Sr., Lawson Kelley, Sandersville; Thos Robinson, Augusta; W. O. Dale, Fla; Samuel Tannahill and wife, Augusta; Mrs. Benson, N. Y.; J. F. Mausagh, Liverpool.

Newspaper: Weekly Chronicle & Sentinel
Augusta, Georgia
September 11, 1872

DEMOCRATIC MEETING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

From private advices we learn that the Democracy of Washington county held a mass meeting in Sandersville on last Tuesday, the 2nd instant.

A large number of citizens were present, and a good deal of interest manifested in the proceedings.

The following delegates were selected to represent the county in the Eighth District Congressional Convention, which will assemble in this city on the 12th instant: Messer's. Green Brantley, Henry Taylor, George Kelley and Dr. B. D. Smith.

It was determined to postpone till another time the nomination of candidates for the Legislature.

Newspaper: Weekly Chronicle & Sentinel
Augusta, Georgia
September 18, 1872

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

Meeting of the Eight District Congressional Convention – The Majority Rule – Lengthy Discussion – It is Adopted – A Threatened Bolt – Two-thirds Rule Adopted – Nominations – Gen. A. R. Wright Nominated by Acclamation.

The Convention to nominate a candidate to represent the Democratic party of the Eighth Congressional District in the Forty-third Congress was called to assemble in this city Thursday.

At eleven o'clock the delegates met in the Superior Court Room, at the City Hall.

Gen. A. R. Wright, Chairman of the District Executive Committee, called the meeting to order and stated the object of the meeting.

Judge Little moved that Hon. John T. Shewmake be chosen President of the Convention. Unanimously adopted.

Captain Tutt moved to appoint Davenport Jackson, Esq., Secretary. Unanimously adopted.

Mr. Lawrence moved that the chairman of each delegation present a list of his delegated to the Secretary.

Mr. Rogers thought it would be more expeditious to call the roll.

Mr. Lawrence's motion was carried.

Mr. Tutt offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the delegates present from each county be allowed to cast the full vote of the county in case there should be any vacancy in the respective delegations; that counties not represented by their own original delegates be represented by proxy and allowed to cast the full vote of the county. Adopted.

THE DELEGATES.

A list of the delegates was furnished, as follows:

Columbia – D. C. Moore, J. G. Smith, Geo. W. Gray, F. E. Eve.

Elbert – T. J. Blackwell, J. J. McCarty, A. J. Cleveland, Robert M. Heard.

Glascok – J. F. Usry, E. G. Scruggs.

Greene – J. F. Wright, O. P. Daniel, V. D. Gresham, James S. Davison.

Hart – E. B. Benson, C. W. Seidel.

Hancock – John Turner, James J. Lawrence, H. L. Middlebrooks, W. L. Wilson, R. H. Thomas, J. T. Berry, Frank L. Little, Richard Moore.

Jefferson – W. A. Arrington, L. D. Matthews, W. A. Cunningham, J. H. Wilkins.

Lincoln – W. D. Tutt, H. T. Murray, F. M. Wright.

McDuffie – Jas. W. Wilson, Geo. W. Evans, A. E. Sturgis, B. P. O'Neal, W. S. Smith.

Oglethorpe – W. G. Johnson, R. J. Arnold, Z. H. Clarke, G. F. Platt, J. M. Smith, T. D. Hutchison, E. T. Martin.

Richmond – J. T. Smith, Adam Johnston, Jno. T. Shewmake, Jno. D. Butt, Alex. Philip, H. F. Russell, E. H. Rogers, C. H. Sibley, Davenport Jackson, J. K. Evans, Jno. A. Christian, Patrick Walsh.

Washington – Green Brantley, Henry Taylor, George Kelley, Dr. B. D. Smith.

Warren – W. P. Butt, W. J. Walker, R. V. Forrester, C. E. McGregor.

Wilkes – W. D. Walton, W. D. Pittard, H. T. Slaton, J. H. Wright.

When Johnson county was called a letter was read from Judge A. W. Daley, delegate from that county, stating that he was appointed with power to select his proxy, and appointing the Richmond delegation such proxy, with instructions to cast the vote of the county on every ballot for Gen. Wright.

The Chair announced a nomination for Congress in order.

THE MAJORITY RULE.

Mr. Johnson moved that the two-thirds rule be adopted as the time-honored rule of the Democratic party. It was dangerous to the party to adopt any other rule, in view of the fact that the Radicals had a candidate in the field, and the probability of still another candidate.

Mr. Tutt was opposed to the motion. He said we dated our idea of time from the conclusion of the war. The two-thirds rule had caused numerous breaches and bolts in the party before the war. Since the war it had been repudiated. The State Convention which nominated Smith adopted the majority rule and the Congressional Conventions had done the same thing. Lincoln county had voted for Gen. Wright four to one, and yet, if the two-thirds rule should be adopted, he might be beaten, and some man receive the nomination who was a stranger to his people.

Mr. McGregor said that in 1870 the Congressional Convention had adopted the two-thirds vote. He did not see why Gen. Wright's friends should desire that in 1870, and a majority rule in 1872.

Mr. Johnson's motion was put and declared lost by the sound.

A vote by counties was called for and taken, as follow:

Yeas – Elbert, 2; Greene, 4; Hart, 2; Oglethorpe, 4; Warren, 2; Wilkes, 4.

Nays – Columbia, 4; Glascock, 2; Hancock, 4; Jefferson, 4; Johnson, 2; Lincoln, 2; McDuffie, 2; Richmond, 6; Warren, 2; Washington, 4.

M'DUFFIE'S VOTE.

Mr. McGregor objected to the vote of McDuffie being received, because that county had no representation in the Legislature.

Mr. Tutt said he didn't know who McDuffie represented, but if candidates before the Convention went and solicited McDuffie's vote it came with a bad grace from them to object to her vote. He learned that Col. Mathews went there and ran a ticket and was defeated by Gen. Wright. If McDuffie was entitled to representation at that time he's certainly was now.

Mr. Clarke said he was very sorry that Mr. Tutt was so fiery against his friends. His portion of the district was opposed to wrangling and wanted a voice in the selection of candidates. They had the majority rule forced upon them, but he asked delegates not to violate the Constitution also, by giving McDuffie representation. If they were to be run over in this way, they might as well take their hats and leave the hall. He didn't know but what they would have to go anyhow.

Mr. Tutt said he had seen no gag used, but the majority gag, and that was used in every convention. To show that no gag was intended, he said, in behalf of Gen. Wright, that he didn't want McDuffie's vote counted separately, but incorporated with the vote of Columbia.

Mr. Clarke thought it strange that men who wanted one rule in '70 wanted another in '72.

Mr. Tutt said because the State Convention had since adopted the majority rule.

Mr. Johnson asked if the United States Senator had not been elected by the two-third rule?

Mr. Butt said he was not, but elected by the majority rule. Nearly all the prominent conventions held within the past two years had adopted the majority rule, and he saw no good reason for departing from what had become the general practice.

Mr. Sturgis withdrew the vote of McDuffie.

The vote was announced:

For two-thirds rule 18
Against 30

So the resolution was lost, and the majority rule adopted.

A nomination was announced in order.

A RECESS.

Mr. Clarke asked for a recess for fifteen minutes. Carried.

The Convention took a recess, and the delegates from several counties withdrew and held a lengthy consultation.

At the expiration of the recess the Convention reassembled.

Mr. Butt rose to as explanation in relation to the charge that Gen. Wright's friends favored the two-thirds rule in 1870. Gen. Wright declined to run, and his letter of declination was read. Mr. Jones, of Burke, who voted for General DuBose, proposed the two-thirds rule.

The Chirman announced nominations in order.

Messrs. Philip and Johnson were appointed tellers.

Mr. Wilkins, as a delegate from the county of Jefferson, placed in nomination the name of A. R. Wright, of the county of Richmond.

THREATENED WITHDRAWAL.

Mr. McGregor read certain resolutions reciting, in substance, that the Convention had departed from Democratic usage by adopting the majority rule, and requesting the Convention to rescind its action, otherwise the signers would have to withdraw.

The delegates from Greene opposed the majority rule, but did not intend to bolt.

Mr. Arrington said that Col. Mathews was opposed to the withdrawal, but could not control his friends.

Mr. Clarke said that the adoption of the resolution ruled his portion of the district out. Col. Mathews was willing to withdraw his name to preserve harmony.

Mr. Tutt said if Col. Mathews could not control his friends there was no use in hearing from him.

The motion was lost.

Mr. McGregor said the delegates disposed to withdraw wished to preserve harmony. He wanted the candidate chosen to have the united support of the people of the district.

Judge Little moved that the action in relation to Col. Mathews be reconsidered. Carried.

Messrs. Clarke, Johnson and Philip were appointed a committee to wait on Col. Mathews and invite him to address the Convention.

COL. MATHEW'S SPEECH.

Col. Mathews came in and stated that he came to the Convention as a candidate, but also for the benefit of the Democratic party. He came in favor of the party in the State and in the district, and in favor of the nominee of the Convention, whether chosen by a majority rule or not. He did not wish a bolt. He thought there was no reason for a departure from the ancient rules of the party. It was unwise and impolitic. The philosophy of the rule was to get the greatest unanimity in favor of the nominee in order that a candidate might be elected. What was the use of a nomination unless the candidate receives the unanimous support of the party? Was the rule departed from for the benefit of the party, or to secure harmony? Assuredly not. But if it was adopted there must not be a bolt by his friends. To a bolt, he said no – first, last, and all the time. If a majority of the Convention desired General Wright, let him be chosen. He was a good man, a true patriot, a man of ability, and a gallant soldier, and he would cheerfully support him. If ever there was a time for harmony, this was the time, when the State was distracted over the Baltimore movement. Let not that question come into State politics, but let Georgia remain in the hands of her sons. He begged his friends to reconsider their actions and remain in the Convention. Let some wise rule be adopted, which would insure harmony and success. The party was splitting up everywhere. Let us have an united front in every district. He spurned the suggestion that the Straights should coalesce with the Radicals. The speaker paid a glowing tribute to Gov. Smith, and deplored any combination against him. He appealed to his friends to submit to the action of the Convention, and their candidate would be elected (Loud applause).

Mr. Butt repeated his statement about the two-thirds rule, and Gen. Wright's friends in 1870.

Mr. McGregor stated that his recollection was against the statement. One of Gen. Wright's friends proposed the rule.

The Chair announced a nomination next in order.

Mr. Tutt asked what had become of the resolutions presented by some of the delegates.

Mr. McGregor said they didn't wish to withdraw, but would have to do so unless the two-thirds rule was adopted.

Mr. Tutt said his idea of the adoption of the rule was that it was intended to be applied where there was a multiplicity of candidates.

The Chair said the resolutions were not before the house.

Mr. Johnson stated that he had been appointed a teller, and as he couldn't control his delegation, he must decline the position.

Mr. Tutt hoped that matters would be reconciled. All the concessions had been made by his side. The bolters came here prepared to bolt, and had discussed the question the night before. If people came into the Convention they should abide its decision. The northern part of the district had the Representative in the last Congress, why should they oppose the southern portion now? Col. Mathews advised against the action of his friends; why did they refuse to follow his advice?

Mr. Clarke said if there had not been a departure from Democratic usages he would not have supported General Wright if nominated. A bolt had not been thought of until they heard the majority rule was determined upon by the other side. He only asked that the old usages of the party should not be departed from.

Mr. McGregor said he called on the Convention to show magnanimity in behalf of his friend, Colonel Mathews. The Convention had conceded nothing. He had a right to hold the party to its ancient usages, and a candidate could not be elected unless he received the united support of the District. General Wright had no claims superior to Gen. DuBose or any other citizen in the district. Why not stand by the old landmarks of the party? He asked this from the Convention.

Mr. Walsh said a good deal had been said about Democratic usages and custom. It was perfectly patent that a few men came here determined to rule the Convention or ruin the party. He asked the Convention for the custom and usage of the party which authorized it to nominate a Republican (Greeley) for the highest office in the gift of the people. The great State of New York had adopted the majority rule. The State of Georgia, the Seventh District, and the county of Richmond, had adopted the majority rule. And yet a few gentlemen were willing to divide the party because they could not control it. Let harmony be preserved, and the party saved.

Mr. McGregor said harmony could be preserved by adopting the two-thirds rule.

Mr. Arrington asked if he was a Democrat?

McGregor said he was, and asked if Arrington was?

He said he was, and a majority rule was pure Democracy, and the only thing which could preserve harmony. There were but two candidates, and he saw no reason for a two-thirds rule.

Mr. Walton said there were more than two candidates he favored the two-thirds rule; otherwise, not.

Mr. Tutt said the plurality rule should be adopted.

Judge Little moved that a nomination proceed which was so ordered by the Chair.

Mr. Tutt said there was a proposition pending among the friends of the candidates, and after a few minutes some plan could be agreed upon – perhaps the two-thirds rule.

The Chair suspended business for a few minutes.

The two-thirds rule was then moved and carried.

Mr. McGregor asked leave to withdraw the withdrawing resolutions. Granted.

Mr. Tutt asked as an act of justice that McDuffie be allowed to vote.

Mr. Clarke was willing if the vote was taken from the territory out of which she was created.

Mr. McGregor moved that Columbia, Warren and McDuffie have eight votes.

Mr. Tutt withdrew his motion.

A nomination was ordered.

Mr. Johnson nominated Colonel J. D. Mathews.

Mr. Wilkins said two years ago he nominated Gen. Wright. To-day, representing his county, again he nominated the same man.

Mr. Walton nominated Hon. H. V. Johnson.

Mr. Butt said Mr. Johnson had stated that in no event would he be a candidate.

Mr. Slaton read a letter from General DuBose, as follows:

WASHINGTON, GA. September 11, 1872.

Hon. H. T. Slaton:

DEAR SIR – Having learned that my opposition to the election of Mr. Greenley to the Presidency by the Democratic party has been used against me in forming the constituency of the Convention to assemble to-morrow, the 12th inst., in the city of Augusta, to nominate a candidate for Congress in the (the Eighth) District; and fully believing that a majority of the Convention has been selected with reference to their being supporters of Mr. Greeley, and believing that their policy will commit the Democracy of the District, not only to the support of Mr. Greeley but also his principles, therefore, I do not desire my name place before the Convention as a candidate. I have endeavored faithfully, and to the best of my ability, to serve the District in the present Congress, and not having heard a word of complaint against a single one of my Congressional acts from any quarter, I had made known my willingness to submit my continuance in that service to a convention of the Democracy, organized upon and holding to the same Jeffersonian principles on which I was at first nominated and elected, and to which I committed myself and still adhere. Candor compels me to say that I am still willing to continue in that service upon those principles – but upon no other. I, therefore, for the reasons stated, and believing that the policy of committing the Democratic party to the support of Mr. Greeley will be an abandonment of those time-honored principles, decline being a candidate before the Convention.

In justice to myself I desire you have this letter read in the Convention, for the purpose of explaining to my friends why I am not a candidate for the re-nomination.

Very respectfully, &c., your obedient servant,

D. M. DuBose.

THE FIRST BALLOT

Was taken and resulted as follows:

Columbia county cast 4 votes for Wright.
Elbert county cast 1 ½ votes for Mathews, ½ for Johnson.
Greene county cast 4 votes for Mathews.
Glascock county cast 2 votes for Wright.
Hart county cast 2 votes for Mathews.
Hancock county cast 4 votes for Wright.
Jefferson county cast 4 votes for Wright.
Johnson county cast 2 votes for Wright.
Lincoln county cast 2 votes for Wright.
Oglethorpe county cast 2 votes for Mathews.
Richmond county cast 6 votes for Wright.
Warren county cast 6 votes for Wright.
Washington county cast 4 votes for Wright.
Warren county cast 2 votes for Wright, 1 vote for Mathews, 1 for Johnson.
Washington count cast 4 votes for Wright.
Wilkes county cast 4 votes for Johnson.

The result was announced, as follows:

Wright..... 30
Mathews..... 12 ½
Johnson 5 ½

There being no nomination, a second ballot was taken, with the following result:

(more to add)

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
July 18, 1873

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Mr. George W. Kelley Sr., has his steam saw and grist mill going again, with Willie Youngblood as superintendent. Now for good meal and lumber.

Dr. James L. Kelley (our Lawrence,) dropped in upon us quite unexpectedly the other day. Thought he was attending the sick in the University Hospital, Baltimore, when here he was looking as handsome as ever. He is home on furlough, and we hope will have a good time generally.

Note:

This newspaper spelled the name Kelley as Kelly. I corrected the spelling in this news story.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
August 8, 1873

Public Meeting.

On Wednesday, 6th inst., the board of Trustees and the subscribers to the Academy building, met in the Court-room for the purpose of selecting a site for said building.

President C. R. Pringle explained the object of the meeting, when Col. B. D. Evans offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, under the resolution of the Board of Trustees, every \$10 in money and notes due the 1st November, entitles the subscriber to one vote, and whereas, there are a few subscribers who have not yet given their notes -

Resolved, That all parties present not having given their notes are invited to report to M. Newman, Esq., who has offered and been appointed to act in that capacity.

Resolved, That a majority of the whole number of votes subscribed will be necessary to a choice in making a selection for the location of the proposed building.

Upon a call of the roll seven subscribers were found to be absent.

A motion was adopted to allow subscribers to vote by proxy, and a committee appointed to examine all proxies.

Proposals for lots were received as follows:

George W. Kelley Sr., offered to donate a lot of two acres at the head of Harris street, near residence of Mrs. Brown; Miss H. Davis offered to donate one acre adjoining Mr. Kelley and jointly with his donation. Dr. J. I. Irwin offered to donate two acres near the Delannoy lot. James U. Floyd offered to donate four acres on Floyd street near Fair Ground.

Upon motion to proceed to an election, the lot of Mrs. Delannoy, on Smith street, and the lot of Maj. Brantley, on Church street and immediately in front of the christian church, were also put in nomination.

Upon the first ballot the vote stood as follows: Floyd lot, 120. Kelley lot, 117, Brantley lot, 103 1/2. No election.

Second ballot: Brantley lot, 234 1/2, Floyd lot, 133. Kelley lot withdrawn. The Brantley lot was then made the unanimous choice of the meeting.

The Trustees were then appointed a building committee with full power to act in the premises.

By Col. B. D. Evans –

Resolved, That there shall be a provision incorporated in the Deed to the Academy lot, that it shall never be sold for the debts of the Trustees for Teacher's salary or other debts of theirs, except only builder's liens.

Adopted unanimously.

Dr. Hatch offered the following, which was also unanimously adopted-

Whereas, Messrs. James U. Floyd, George W. Kelley Sr., Miss Harty Davis and Dr. J. I. Irwin, have generously offered to furnish a location for the school buildings free of charge, and whereas, the convention of stock holders now in session has seen proper to select another site, therefore be it.

Resolved, That the generous offers of the above named persons are not unappreciated by this Convention, but to them are due and hereby tendered our warmest thanks.

Adjoined sine die.

C. R. Pringle, President.

Secretaries - J. M. G. Medlock, M. Newman

Note:

There was some typo errors with the name Kelley, as Kelly. I corrected it to Kelley.

**Newspaper: The Sun
Baltimore, Maryland
January 13, 1875**

MARRIED

KELLEY – WINDSOR. – On the 7th instant, at St. Peters P. E. Church, by Rev. Julius E. Grammer, D. D., Dr. J. LAWRENCE KELLEY, of Sandersville, Ga., to Miss. LILIAN M., eldest daughter of J. H. Windsor, of this city.

**Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
January 22, 1875**

Washington Sheriff's Sale.

Will be sold before the Court-house door in Sandersville, Washington county, on the first Tuesday in February next, the following property, to-wit:

Also at the same time and place will be sold on tract of land containing nineteen hundred acres more or less, situated in said county, adjoining lands of A. W. Wicker, estate of K. W. Massey, S. J. Smith, George W. Kelley Sr., W. C. Matthews and J. K. Newsome, levied on as the property of James G. Brown to satisfy two Superior Courts fi fas: one in favor of T. M. Kennedy et al vs Jas. G. Brown and one in favor of P. Happ & Son vs James G. Brown. Property pointed out by Defendant.

Also at the same time and place will be sold one tract of land known as the Mill tract, containing six hundred acres more or less, situated in the said county, adjoining lands of Wm Taylor, Downs and others, levied on as the property of Green Brantley to satisfy sundry Superior Court fi fas - one in favor of Thomas Johnson vs Green Brantley, one in favor of S. W. Gleason vs Green Brantley, and one in favor of George W. Kelley Sr. vs Green Brantley. Property pointed out by Defendant.

Jan 8, 1975 -tds

Note:

There is a lot of law terms being used here. Fi fas means writs of Fieri Facias.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
January 22, 1875

DR. JAMES L. KELLEY returned from Baltimore, last week, with an accomplished bride. So it seems Lawrence did not confine himself *exclusively* to medicine while in Baltimore a year or two since. Long life and a full share of happiness to the doctor and his bride. The following notice of the marriage we take from the Baltimore *Figaro* of the 9th:

One of the most fashionable weddings of the season was celebrated in Baltimore on the evening of Thursday last. The interested parties were Dr. J. Lawrence Kelley, of Georgia, and Miss Lillian Windsor, daughter of Mr. J. H. Windsor, the well-known and wealthy merchant. The ceremony was performed at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, at seven o'clock, by the Rev. Julius Grammer, D. D., and was witnessed by a large company, composed of the *elite* of the Monumental City. The bridesmaids, were Miss Fannie Windsor, sister of the bride, Miss Sallie Welling, of Clarksville, Miss Lilly Rigney, daughter of Hon John T. Rigley, of Baltimore. The groomsmen were Dr. John Atwell, of Georgia, Mr. Wm. Weigand, and Dr. Augustus Riggs, of Howard county. The ushers were Mr. J. P. T. Mathias, Dr. Bergen, of North Carolina, Mr. Frank E. King, and Mr. J. T. Sasocer. The bride, a beautiful brunette, with a tall and symmetrical figure, was regally arrayed, and elicited general admiration. A select reception followed the ceremony at the residence of the bride, after which the happy couple departed on an extended bridal tour.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
March 26, 1875

Grand Jury Presentments.

We, the Grand Jury of the county of Washington chosen and sworn for the second week of the March Term of the Superior Court, 1875, beg leave to make the following Presentments:

Through the dispensation of a kind Providence the labors of the industrious husbandman has been rewarded with an abundant yield the past year of the staff of life as the products of the earth, and our people been blessed with good health and our country with peace. All these blessings emanate from an all wise God. Our hearts should be humbled and our hands should be lifted up in thankfulness and in his praise.

We sincerely and earnestly feel the many obligations we are under to his Hon. H. V. Johnson for the elaborate, earnest and lucid charge which he delivered to us and the very appropriate remarks attending the same. These remarks fell like electric sparks upon our ears and we assure our people the heeding of this wise counsel as given by his Hon. Will soon redeem our county and will redound to great good.

The elaborate and forcible charge delivered to this body at the opening of this session of the Court enabled us to discharge our duties more understandingly and we trust more to the satisfaction of the Court and the people. We take great pleasure in expressing our gratitude and admiration in the very marked reform his Honor has brought about by a strict administration of the law in arranging evil doers and bringing them to grief; and the great confidence, they will have a happy influence in the county and will meet the same hearty approval from our people that they have this body.

We call upon all good citizens to rise in their might and strengthen the arms of his Honor that he may strike down all law breakers, the pests of society, which we feel assured he will do if our people will fully cooperate in the earnest efforts, so wisely inaugurated by himself.

Let our people aspire to a higher manhood in morality, virtue and intelligence blessed as we are with a fertile soil, and salubrious climate, no part of our State can claim more advantages than Washington county, and why not attain a reputation to be envied throughout our old commonwealth.

In agriculture, cannot we claim a position in the front rank. In educational advantages with such teachers as Messrs. Ivy W. Duggan, W. H. Lawson and their associates, we can boast in being in an enviable position for such a school is bound to be fruitful of great and lasting good to our county.

Our predecessors, the Grand Inquest of the first week of this March term of the Superior Court, by their vigilance in examining the books and papers of the Ordinary and Clerk of the Superior Court, Docket of the Justice of the Peace and Notary Publics of the various districts, books and vouchers of the County treasurer, public buildings, roads and bridges, has relieved this body of much arduous work, making our labors comparatively light.

In a careful revision of the Pauper list and a due consideration of the claims of many applicants for county charity, we deem it necessary and respectfully request the Ordinary to make the following alterations in the pauper list: that Hiram Scott receive four dollars instead of three dollars per month, and Dave McGowan receive six dollars instead of three; and the following applicants we deem worthy, and we recommend that they be placed on the list: Wiley Cox, and that he receive three dollars per month; Mary Jordon that she receive three dollars per month and Betsy Slade, col. That she receive two dollars per month and we recommend the following names: Perry Osborn, Leah Randal, Thigpen and wife, Massy Oliver and Isham White be stricken from the list.

We recommend that the road Commissioners of the 136th district, have the road leading from Benj. Murphy's to James Mills' place worked and kept in order as a public road. Also, the Warrenton road be changed, where it intercepts the Ogeechee swamp to May's bridge, so as to run where the road is now traveled by the present old bridge, across the canal, and recommend the Ordinary to have a bridge built across said canal.

We also recommend the Ordinary to have two bridges build, on across Buffalo creek, and a slough near the same, both at Thompson's bridge, also the necessary embankments of turnpiking ranging from four to seven feet high, three hundred feet long, provided all can be built for \$600.

We recommend to the Ordinary in renting out various offices in the Court House building, be let only as offices, not occupied as bed rooms, as it greatly endangers the safety of the building, being so much more exposed to fire. And we further recommend that the Court House be insured.

We authorize the Ordinary to issue bonds to a sufficient amount to meet the necessary expenses of the county.

Our predecessors, the Grand Inquest of the first week of this term, in recommending to the legislature the enactment of a law, fixing the compensation of Jurors at one dollar per day for this county, does not meet our approval, and we recommend two dollars per day, the usual compensation paid in Washington county.

We also recommend that the Tax Collector's insolvent list be taken from the State tax instead of the State and county tax, as recommended by the Grand Jury of the first week of the March term of the Superior Court, to wit: the amount of two hundred and eleven dollars leaving a balance of fourteen thousand five hundred and thirty-nine dollars and five cents.

The recent Legislation in Congress in passing the unjust and the obnoxious law known as the civil rights bill, has greatly dispirited our people, and knowing its originators were prompted by improper motives, making it a political engine for party purposes. We anxiously and earnestly call upon our people to adhere to that Christian forbearance and patience worthy of our wisdom; abstain from all rashness, violence, and blood-shed, that the movers in this nefarious scheme intended to incite. We pray you be patient and tolerating, relying upon a generous people, being governed by reason, when they are convinced of the great injustice imposed upon us, when this is done we may confidently rely, there measures will be removed and our just rights vindicated.

In taking leave of his Honor, Judge Herschel V. Johnson, we would be doing violence to our feelings were we not to tender our most heartfelt thanks for the many courtesies extended to this body by him during this term of the Court, and it is with great, very great pleasure we recommend the remarks, the wholesome advice attending his Honor's charge.

We congratulate our people in having on the bench of the Superior Court one of so much wisdom and honesty, so noble, so generous a son of our State. It is with pleasure we refer to his legal ability, the earnest zeal his Honor brings to the discharge of his official duties. Also many thanks to the State Attorney, J. W. Roberson, who has labored zealously in furthering the ends of justice and rendered us valuable assistance in discharge of our duties.

We recommend that these Presentments be published in the city papers.

T. J. SMITH, Foreman,

W. B. Quinn,	J. J. Brown,
I. L. Adams,	W. J. Archer,
J. M. Layton,	H. L. Peacock,
C. D. Hardwick,	T. D. Cullen,
J. T. Laveigne,	G. W. Kelley,
W. J. Jordan,	Lawson Kelley,
James Barron,	J. E. Harrison,
L. W. Wathins,	J. R. Wicker,
F. M. Brantly,	William Young,
D. F. Chambers,	William Waller
B. S. Jordan,	W. G. Bailey, Sec.

True extract from the minutes.

S. M. NORTHINGTON, Cl'k

Mar 26, 1875 – 1t

**Newspaper: The Augusta Constitutionalist
Augusta, Georgia
March 24, 1876**

GEORGIA GENERAL NEWS.

Sandersville *Georgian*:

We learned that a considerable fire occurred on the plantation of G. W. Kelley, about one mile from this city, on Sunday night last, which resulted in destroying a considerable quantity of fencing.

**Postcard: George Washington Kelley, Sr. to N. A. Hardee & Sons
Sandersville, Georgia
July 4, 1877**

Post office stamp: July 4 Sandersville, Ga.

Mefs. N. A. Hardee & Son + Co.
Savannah, Ga.

Sandersville July the 4th, 1877

Mefs N. A. Hardee & Son & Company,

Gents, I wote you on the 28th asking you to send me one thousand lb's of Bacon. If you have not sent it already you will please forward it at once.

Yours + c.
G. W. Kelley

Notes:

This was an email to a fellow family historian that I've collaborated over the years, Bob Kelley. I pointed out that I joined a Facebook group called "Washington County, Georgia Genealogy." This person Jake McNutt posted an image of a postcard that was written by George Washington Kelley, Sr. complaining that he never received his thousand pounds shipment of bacon. Jake had this postcard in his possession. I emailed Bob this:

"I messaged that guy (Jake) and told him this was my GGG grandfather. What was so surprising to me, he wanted me to have it and wanted no payment, nothing! That what you call the kindness of strangers for sure... Thought you might get a kick out of this. Look like Geo W. Kelley was unhappy in not getting his shipment of bacon! I match the signature to George civil war pension filed forms from the year 1901, and it is really his hand. Something else to take away with learning about this, it does give you a sense that George may have been selling food goods as well. I knew that he was operating a gristmill." – Email to Bob Kelley April 5, 2022.

"... I would say that George Washington Kelley, Sr. was a king of breakfast for sure! HA! Someone (Jake) was pointing that George may have provided grocery goods in the community that he lived in. I remembered learning that George lived in the community called Sun Hill (from the Kelley of Glascock - book). I found that it is over 6 miles distance from his home to Sandersville. He probably provided goods for the comfort of his community there (Sun Hill). I could picture him loading up his horse-drawn wagon to go over to Sandersville to pick up goods there at a train depot and going to a post office there. Maybe he done errands for people living in Sun Hill and I wouldn't be surprised by that." I also noted to Bob that George would also do his business trips over to Savannah Georgia. There were newspaper clipping proving that. Look at the Savannah Advertiser dating January 7, 1872 and The Morning News dated January 7, 1882. He was mentioned being with his brothers too in those trips. – Email to Bob Kelley April 6, 2022.

**Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
May 16, 1878**

(COMMUNICATED.)

It was my good fortune to be with brother T. J. Cumming at a meeting that had been previously appointed at Mrs. Nancy Hutchinson's, on the east side of Rocky Comfort Creek, near Kelley's Bridge in the county of Glascock. The children, grand children and neighbors constituted the congregation – and it was large. This lady with whom we met was born September 1st, 1777 – was the mother of twelve children – five still living. Has had thirty-two grand-children – eighteen living, thirty-four great-grand-children – twenty-eight living – forty-seven great great grand-children, and forty-two living, making now a live of her descendants ninety-three – this count was made last September when she was one hundred years old – she joined the Baptist Church seventy years ago, she is able to sit up in a chair and at times talks freely of things that existed a long time ago. She was born in Warren county, just above the town of Warrenton – and says she went to school through the place where the town now stands, when there was no buildings there – says she can recollect when the Tories killed her father.

The above is a true sketch of the life and history of this extraordinary woman – as I received it from the family.

JAMES STAPLETON.
April 19th, 1878.

Note:

This subject of the story is focusing on Nancy Burkhalter who was married to Daniel Hutchinson. She passed-away about three months after this story was printed. She died in Glascock County, Georgia on August 31, 1878. It is fascinating to me that in the story, Nancy remembered the Tories killed her father. Tories are known as British soldiers during the revolutionary war. Nancy's father was named John Burkhalter who died on January 28, 1784.

The reason why this story interest me, is because my 3-times great grandfather (Rev. Thomas Jefferson Cumming) is mentioned. Also, it was stating the nearby landmarks of Rocky Comfort Creek. This was where the Kelley's lived for so many years. I'm wondering about this bridge named the "Kelley's Bridge". I never knew about this, and wondered who built it?

Book: Washington County, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings
Georgia
May 8, 1879

LOCAL.

Mr. T. J. M. Kelley, who is reading medicine with Dr. J. Lawrence Kelley, of Gibson, visit with his relatives here during the past week.

Note:

This was through a published book, focusing on news-stories in Washington County, Georgia. There is no known name of the newspaper mentioned.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
July 17, 1879

Married:

At the residence of Mr. G. W. Kelley, the bride's father, on July 6th instituted by Rev. T. J. Cumming, Mr. W. F. Turnley of Ala., and Mrs. S. F. Story.

Note:

Susan Francis Kelley (1853-1928) was the daughter of George Washington Kelley senior (1828-1907) and Susan Kitchens (1834-1867). She was married to Andrew B. Story who died about 1878. She was remarried to William Fletcher Turnley as we see in this marriage announcement. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Reverend Thomas Jefferson Cumming.

Book: Washington County, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings
Georgia
September 18, 1879

LOCAL.

Mr. Thomas M. Kelley, son of George W. Kelley, who has been reading medicine with his brother, Dr. J. Lawrence Kelley, of Gibson, will leave about the 25th instant to attend lectures at the Maryland University at Baltimore.

Note:

This information was through a published book, focusing on news-stories in Washington County, Georgia. There is no known name of the newspaper mentioned.

Book: Washington County, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings
Georgia
December 4, 1879

MARRIED.

At the residence of Mr. George W. Kelley, near Sandersville, on the 26th ultimo, by Rev. T. J. Cumming, of Jefferson County, Mr. B. A. Hooks and Miss Lanie E. Kelley.

Note:

This was through a published book, focusing on news-stories in Washington County, Georgia. There is no known name of the newspaper mentioned.

Lanie Elizabeth Kelley (1858-1941) was the daughter of George Washington Kelley senior (1828-1907) and Susan Kitchens (1834-1867). This clipping is announcing Lanie's marriage to Bennett Augustus Hooks (1837-1898). The wedding ceremony was performed by the Reverend Thomas Jefferson Cumming.

Newspaper: The Mercury
Sandersville, Georgia
March 8, 1881

Accidentally Shot.

We learn from George W. Kelley that a colored boy about 10 years old on Mr. Bennett Hook's place, picked up an old pistol lying in the house on a palle and shot a little colored child about 3 years old, standing outside in the yard, through the chest. The little fellow is badly wounded, but there are some hopes for him.

Newspaper: The Sun
Baltimore, Maryland
May 28, 1881

DIED

WINDSOR – On 25th instant, at the residence of his son-in-law, in Gibson, Ga., J. H. WINDSOR, of Baltimore, in the 53d year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, this (Saturday) morning, at ten o'clock from his late residence, No. 363 Druid Hill avenue. Interment at Loudon Park Cemetery.

Newspaper: The Mercury
Sandersville, Georgia
June 7, 1881

On Wednesday morning last Mr. J. H. Windsor, of Md, was found dead in his bed at the house of his son-in-law Dr. J. L. Kelley of Glascock Co. He went to bed the night before in his usual health.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
June 9, 1881

Mr. J. H. Windsor, of Maryland, the father-in-law of Dr. J. Lawrence Kelley, formerly of Sandersville, now of Gibson, was found dead in bed last week, at the home of the latter. It is thought that his death was caused by paralysis, from which he had been for some time a sufferer.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
June 16, 1881

A serious affray occurred in Gibson on Saturday, in which Thomas Harris was badly hurt. Harris and others were endeavoring to overcome and overrun it seems by offensive conduct the town authorities, when Harris was ordered to be arrested. While resisting the arrest and while making desperate efforts to take the life of Dr. Thomas Kelley son of Mr. Geo. W. Kelley of this place, he was struck a violent blow with a baton over the head by Dr. Kelley. The blow though severe is not fatal. Dr. Kelley only acted in obedience to the orders of the officers in making the arrest.

Newspaper: Georgia Weekly Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
June 24, 1881

SHOT AND KILLED. - Through the Kindness of Mr. David D. G. Allen, formerly clerk of Glasscock, but now residing near Luther, we learn the facts of an unfortunate shooting affray which occurred in Gibson, Glasscock county, on Saturday afternoon last, between Dr. Thomas Kelley and Thomas Harris. Mr. Allen did not learn the origin of the difficulty, but informs us that Dr. Kelley shot Harris twice, one ball shattering the left arm above the elbow, and the other entering the head above the left eye. Though alive at the time of Mr. Allen's information, of course Harris' death was only a question of time. Dr. Kelley has absconded. His brother, Mr. B. A. Kelley recently a resident of this county, is a son-in-law of Mr. Benjamin A. Willingham.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
August 11, 1881

Personal.

We were pleased to see Dr. Thomas Kelley of Gibson in our office on Monday last. We were gratified to learn of the general cordiality with which he is received and treated since his return. The Superior court convenes in Gibson on Monday next when his case will be called. His friends in Washington that have known his peaceable and tractable character from boyhood, feel assured that he is no wanton violator of the laws of the land.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
August 25, 1881

Personal.

The friends of Dr. Thomas Kelley of Gibson will be glad to learn that at the court the past week in that place the Grand Jury failed to find a true bill against him, charged with the offence of homicide in the killing of Thomas Harris. Their attention was especially directed by his honor Judge Pottle to a rigid scrutiny into this case, and now that they should declare that the law had not been violated, is certainly in the highest degree gratifying to the many friends of Dr. Thomas Kelley. It will be remembered that Dr. Kelley had been called upon by the town authorities to arrest Mr. Harris, and did not strike him with his baton until Mr. Harris had made a thrust at him with his knife, and was preparing to repeat the thrust.

Newspaper: Columbus Daily Enquirer-Sun
Columbus, Georgia
August 30, 1881

- The grand jury of Glasscock county dismissed the indictments against Dr. Thomas and Dr. George Kelley for the killing of Thomas Harris, on the ground that the killing was in self-defense.

Newspaper: The Morning News
Savannah, Georgia
January 7, 1882

HARNETT HOUSE.

This Favorite Family Hotel, Under its New Management, is Recommended for the Excellence of its Cuisine, Homelike Comforts, Prompt Attention and Moderate Rates. Harnett & George, Proprietors.

ARRIVALS JANUARY 6.

E M Hisch, Boston; B H Boyd, Hardeeville; M W Bradley, Knoxville; W O Price, Georgia; James Trefford, steamship Gate City; A Parrington, New York; J E Whitehead, George Lines, South Carolina; R R Hopkins, Brunswick; Dr E S Carew, Arredondo; W G Pearson and wife, Birmingham; T J Keith, wife and child, Logansport; J S Greenbaum, E J Acosta, Jr, Georgia; E McCall, W S Bull, S, F & W Ry; S T Thorpe, McIntosh county; Col J J Grant, Albany; Capt T C Muckenfuss, S, F & W Ry; C C Thorpe, E W Thorpe, McIntosh county; L Kelley,

Tennille; George W Kelley, Sandersville; E C Powers, Ogeechee; M E Barnes and wife, Mis Minnie Taylor, New York; C H Bullock, Eden; Geo Keebert, J H Ellis, Georgia; William Sabislon, North Carolina.

Notes:

It looks like that both brothers are going to the hotel that is of my interest. This was George Washington Kelley, Sr. (1828-1907) and Francis Marion Kelley (1831-1885).

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
April 13, 1882

PERSONAL.

Dr. Geo. Kelley of Gibson made a brief visit to his father and family the past week.

Newspaper: The Mercury
Sandersville, Georgia
July 11, 1882

PERSONAL.

Mr. George W. Kelley and family of North Georgia, a former resident of our county, are visiting relatives in the county.

Note:

I think this might be George Washington Kelley Jr. Visiting his father in Sandersville. I'm curious to who the other people are. This is not detailed information.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
September 28, 1882

Washington Baptist Association.

This large and influential body of Christians met in this place on Friday last and continued in session till Sabbath afternoon. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. C. Rainwater of Powelton. At the close of the services the Association was called to order by the former clerk, Prof. Ivy W. Duggan, letters from the various churches were read and names of delegates enrolled. Hon. W. J. Northen of Hancock, was then elected Moderator, and Prof. Duggan re-elected Clerk. Twenty-four of the twenty-five churches in the Association were represented. The following visiting ministers were present from other Associations; Revs. A. J. Battle, D. D., C. M. Irwin, T. C. Boykin, M. P. Cain, B. H. Ivey and C. M. Carswell.

A report was made by the Trustees of Washington Institute at Linton, stating its condition was in every respect satisfactory and that under the able and efficient management of Prof. Ivy W. Duggan, its accomplished principal, it was most confidently commended to the fostering care of the body. Resolutions of Christian affection and sincere sympathy for Rev. T. J. Adams, their former Moderator, in his severe affliction were adopted. It was also determined with great unanimity that \$1,000 should be secured to him for the next Association as an Evangelist. We learn that one hundred names were obtained to secure this sum. A deputation from the body was sent to convey the action to Mr. Adams, and to assure him of the strong hold he had on their affections. The times for holding the Minister's and Deacon's Meetings was agreed upon as follows;

1st District at Beulah, 4th Sabbath in August.

2nd District at Balerina 2nd Sabbath in July.

3rd District at Sisters' 4th Sabbath in April.

4th District at Long Creek 5th Sabbath in April.

In each case the meeting commences on Friday before the Sabbath named. Powelton was chosen as the place for holding the next session of the Association. The following delegates were elected to the Georgia Baptist Convention that meets in Griffin next May; Revs. T. J. Veazy, T. J. Cumming, N. B. Binion, and T. J. Holmes, also W. J. Northen, Ivy W. Duggan and G. W. Bass. The delegates elect to Southern Baptist Convention that assembles in Texas are Hon. W. J. Northen and Prof. Ivy W. Duggan.

Proposition being made to raise \$25 to purchase books for two young ministers, was promptly responded to by raising \$31 and some books also. Rev. L. A. Patillo was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at next Association, and Rev. A. J. Hardwick, alternate. Rev. T. J. Cumming was selected to preach the Missionary sermon at the next session and Rev. T. J. Holmes, alternate. The claims of Mercer University were forcibly presented by its honored President, Dr. A. J. Battle and others. Rev. C. M. Irwin represented the interest of the Christian Index. Rev. T. C. Boykin in his earnest characteristic manner presented the Sabbath School cause. The Missionary sermon of Rev. N. B. Binion as also the excellent sermon of Dr. Battle on Sabbath were heard with deep interest by the large congregations present. Mr. Northen showed himself an admirable officer, presiding with entire satisfaction to all. The proceedings were marked with great harmony and fraternity and a truly grateful influence was exerted by the body that seemed to pervade the community.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Geo. Kelley of Gibson was in attendance upon the session of the Association.

Note:

I wanted to include the news story about the Washington Baptist Association with the made mentioned of my great-great grandfather (Dr. George Washington Kelley) in the personal column. When I first saw that Dr. George Washington Kelley was in attendance with the Association, this was unclear to me what the Association was. I now know it's really a Baptist gathering. His future father-in-law is made mention here as the Rev. Thomas Jefferson Cumming.

Newspaper: The Weekly Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia
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January 9, 1883

A Splash in the Water

From the Warrenton, Georgia, Clipper

Mr. George Kelley Sr., a few days ago, while crossing May's bridge over the river, the last span of the bridge giving way, he fell through, narrowly escaping severe injury to himself, horse, buggy and little grandchild, the sweet little daughter of Dr. James Lawrence Kelley. Mr. Kelley lost \$125.00 in cash in the water. Somehow the water washed it from his pocket.

Notes:

The daughter of Dr. James Lawrence Kelley here was Fannie Belle Kelley. She was born on November 10, 1875 in Gibson, Georgia. She was about the age of seven around the time of this accident.

Newspaper: The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia
February 28, 1883

THIRTY-SEVEN DOCTORS.

THAT IS WHAT WAS TURNED OUT, LAST NIGHT.

The Closing Exercises of the Southern Medical College at DeGive's Opera House Last Night – The Several Speeches that were Made – The Awarding and Delivery of Praises.

The commencement exercises of the Southern Medical college occurred at DeGive's opera house last night. The audience which assembled to witness the closing ceremonies was one of the largest that ever gathered at DeGive's, and was composed, in a great measure, of ladies. Upon the stage the faculty and the graduating class, with many prominent citizens, were seated. The stage was decorated with flowers, and when the curtain went up the scene was very brilliant. The exercises were begun with an appropriate prayer by Rev. George Leonard Chaney. Following the prayer of Dr. Chaney was the reading of the report of the dean, Dr. William Perrin Nicolson. The report of Dr. Nicolson showed the college to be in a most flourishing condition, with a very considerable progress for the last year, and a bright and promising future ahead. The list of graduates was shown to be thirty-seven, and the matriculations 108. Dr. Nicolson referred particularly to the hospital, within the last year has been made a part of the institution. He stated that it was the intention of the management to make the hospital even more valuable in the future than it has been in the past, which in view of the great good that it has done both as an institution of charity, and as a practical school was saying a very great deal. He made an appropriate reference to the late serious illness of Dr. Thad Johnson, professor of surgery in the college.

Following the report of Dr. Nicolson was the conferring of the degrees by Dr. Thomas S. Powell, president of the board of trustees. The class of graduates numbered thirty-seven, and was as follows:

James H. Albert, Aledo, Texas; J. H. Alley, Aerial, Ga.; T. L. Appleby, Homer, La.; W. A. Bradley, Ellijay, Ga.; Golden Carithers, Monroe, Ga.; W. B. Clement, Big Creek, Ga.; A. H. Crawford, Cataula, Ga.; A. I. Davis, Greenville, Ga.; A. S. Dyar, Atlanta, Ga.; S. W. Everett, McDonough, Ga.; D. R. Fluker, Irwinton, Ga.; J. M. Fowler, Vickery's Creek, Ga.; W. L. Funderburg, Alabama; C. M. George, Madison, Ga.; J. P. Hall, Hamilton, Georgia; H. L. Harvey, Atlanta, Georgia; J. W. Howell, Rome, Georgia; Lee Huffaker, Ringgold, Georgia; George W. Kelley, Gibson, Georgia; D. F. Knatt, Whitesburg, Georgia; W. A. McArthur, Walden, Georgia; J. B. Medlock, Hammond, Georgia; W. A. Monroe, Thomasville, Georgia; J. A. Nelms, Atlanta, Georgia; D. R. Norman, Cross Keys, S. C.; E. P. Overby, Kedron, Georgia; F. B. Palmer, Atlanta, Georgia; F. H. Sims, Alabama; J. T. Harwell, Petersburg, Va.; G. M. McMillan, Ochlochnee, Georgia; M. W. Speer, Varnell Station, Ga.; C. B. Thomas, Linden, Ala; M. R. Toland, Valley Mills, Tex.; E. Van Goldsnoven, Atlanta, Ga.; S. W. Visage, Knoxville, Tenn.; Jefferson Wilcox, Nichols, Ga.; W. L. Wright, Duluth, Ga.

In presenting the diplomas, Dr. Powell acquitted himself in his usual happy style, making a speech that while it was entertaining and held the attention of the audience, closely sparkled with bits of wisdom from the beginning to end. He spoke of the sacredness of the profession of medicine and appealed to the graduates not let the well deserved reputation of the profession suffer in their hands. He was roundly applauded.

The address of Dr. Henry McDonald to the graduating class was appropriate and was delivered in that entertaining manner that characterizes all the utterances of Dr. McDonald.

At the conclusion of Dr. McDonald's address. A. S. Dyar delivered the valedictory address. He took for his subject "The Advances of Medicine," and in handling his subject showed himself to be fully informed on the history of his profession.

At the conclusion of the address of Dr. Dyar the prizes were presented by Colonel John S. Seals, of the Sunny South. In doing so, Colonel Seals made one of the most amusing speeches that he has ever delivered, and kept his audience in a roar of laughter. The prizes were awarded to the following successful contestants:

First prize by the faculty for the highest general average a handsome gold medal valued at \$50, awarded to Dr. F. H. Sims, of Alabama.

Second prize by the faculty, a gold medal valued at \$20 awarded to Dr. M. R. Toland, of Texas.

By Dr. Powell for the highest examination in obstetrics and diseases of women, a gold medal, awarded to Dr. F. H. Sims of Alabama.

By Dr. Crawford, for the highest examination in surgery, a gold medal to Dr. J. H. Alley, of Habersham county.

By Dr. W. D. Bizzell a gold medal for the highest average in the practice of medicine, to Dr. C. B. Thomas, of Alabama.

By Dr. Roy, for the highest examination in materia medica, a case of instruments to Dr. Jefferson Wilcox, of Coffee county.

By Dr. A. G. Hobbs for the highest examination in diseases of the eye, ear and throat, an ophthalmoscope to Dr. C. B. Thomas, of Alabama.

By Dr. R. C. Word, for the highest examination in physiology, a medical case to Dr. M. B. Toland.

By Dr. Nicholson, for the highest examination in general descriptive anatomy, a case of instruments to Dr. M. R. Toland.

By Dr. Burns, for the highest examination in chemistry, a chemical case to Dr. J. F. H. Sims.

The audience was well entertained by Colonel Seals during the delivery of the prizes by his flashes of humor. The college is in a most flourishing condition, and is on the high road to distinction, great usefulness and honor.

Notes:

This was the graduation ceremony for my great-great grandfather, Dr. George Washington Kelley. There was a book that was printed in the year 1889 "Biographical Souvenir of the States of Georgia and Florida Book" that stated George went to this Southern Medical College. With this newspaper clipping, its giving proof that he was indeed a graduate from there.

Founding of the Southern Medical College

This college was founded by Dr. Thomas Spencer Powell, and the institution was chartered on November 21, 1878. The building was first located on Edgewood Avenue in Atlanta, Georgia.

My great-great grandfather, Dr. George Washington Kelley attended the fourth session there since it was first opened.

History of the DeGive's Opera House

This opera house was used for different venues in Atlanta from 1871 to 1893. It was first opened on January 24, 1870. When a newer DeGive's Opera House was open in 1893, this was later occupied by the Columbia Theater and later still by the Bijou Theater. This building was demolished in the year 1921.

Newspaper: The Mercury

Sandersville, Georgia

April 3, 1883

Dr. Lawrence Kelley, of Gibson, was in the city a few days ago, and we learn that he has bought quite a large plantation near Ocala, Fla., and will move to it soon.

Note:

The town Ocala is spelled wrong as Ocala. I corrected it in typing.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald

Sandersville, Georgia

April 5, 1883

Personal

Dr. J. Lawrence Kelley and wife of Gibson spent a few days with his father Mr. Geo. W. Kelley last week en route to his new home in Florida.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
May 10, 1883

Personal

Dr. Geo. W. Kelley, of Gibson, was in the city on Saturday on a visit to his father Mr. Geo. W. Kelley, and family.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
July 26, 1883

Dr. J. Lawrence Kelley who lately removed to Florida, made a hurried trip to Washington and Glasscock counties last week. He is highly pleased with his Florida home.

Newspaper: The Mercury
Sandersville, Georgia
September 4, 1883

Mr. Geo. W. Kelley returned from Florida where he has been preparing a home for his family. Mr. K. is a clever gentleman, a good citizen and a successful farmer, he has an excellent family and we hope that he will be benefited by his change of homes.

Newspaper: The Morning News
Savannah, Georgia
September 12, 1883

GLASCOCK COUNTY NOTES.

A Model Process of Sawing Timber – The Railroad Question – Items in General

Correspondence of the Morning News.

GIBSON, GLASCOCK COUNTY, Sept. 10.

... Hon. George Kelley, of Washington county, sold his farm a week ago to Mr. Keelin Walden for \$16,000. The place was well worth the money. Mr. Kelley bought four hundred and eighty-one acres of Florida orange land, and intends to make a fine orange grove. Two thousand dollars was the sum given for the land. It is situated in Alachua county, a few miles from Gainesville.

Notes:

There was much more in this column in the news story, but the interest is on George Washington Kelley, Sr. buying the land in Alachua county. Found on GenealogyBank.com.

Newspaper: The Weekly Bee
Gainesville, Florida
September 15, 1883

LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Dr. J. L. Kelley, who purchased Finger's mill at Gruelle, was in the city Wednesday buying mill supplies.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald

**Sandersville, Georgia
September 20, 1883**

Mr. Geo W. Kelley.

Mr. Geo. W. Kelley and family on Monday last took their departure for their new home, Gruelle, Alachua county, Florida. Having long been a prominent and highly respected citizen of Washington county, his removal from the State is sincerely regretted by his many friends in this and in Glascock county where he formerly resided. He excellent wife has won a large circle of friends that part with her with sadness. Mr. Kelley spoke feelingly of the pain it gave him to bid farewell to his many friends, but feels confident that he has made a good exchange by the removal. We commend him and his excellent family to the good people of his adopted home.

Note:

Tour Guide of Historic Alachua County History of Rochelle

Rochelle was named for the family of Martha Rochelle Perry. She was the wife of Madison Starke Perry, who attained the rank of colonel in the Confederate army and was governor of Florida from 1857 to 1861. Settlers from Georgia and South Carolina first arrived in the area in the 1840's. The town was known as Perry Junction until 1881 when it was named Gruelle after the man who did the original survey for laying the tracks of the Florida Southern Railroad. A post office was established at Gruelle on March 22, 1884, and renamed Rochelle on August 11, 1884. In 1888 the town was thriving, but the terrible freeze of 1894-95, which devastated local citrus crops, precipitated the decline of Rochelle.

This information has been taken from the South East Alachua County Historic Tour Guide, which was researched and compiled by the Alachua County Historical Commission.

**Court Record: Dr. George Washington Kelley, Jr. and Effie Cumming Marriage Certificate
Jefferson County, Georgia
November 1, 1883**

GEORGIA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

To any Minister of the Gospel, Judge or Justice of the Peace:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED to join *Dr. G. W. Kelley* and *wife Effie Cumming* in the Holy State of Matrimony, if they are such persons as are by law authorized to marry, and this shall be your License for so doing; and you are required to return me this License, together with the accompanying Certificate, properly certified to as to the facts and date of said Marriage.

Given under my hand and official signature, this *31st* day of *October* 1883.

Nicholas Diche Ordinary.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That *Dr. G. W. Kelley* and *Wife Effie Cumming* were this day duly joined in Matrimony by me.

This *1st* day of *Nov* 1883.

J. Hardwick Minister

**Newspaper: The Mercury
Sandersville, Georgia
November 13, 1883**

Married

On the 1st inst., by Elder A. J. Hardwick at the residence of the bride's father, Elder T. J. Cumming of Jefferson County, Dr. G. W. Kelley of Gibson, and Miss Effie Cumming.

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GRUELLE. (*page 216*)

Alachua county. Formerly known as Perry; is the junction of the main branch with the Ocala Division of the Florida Southern Railroad. It is a thriving little town about 10 miles from Gainesville; has a hotel, two or three stores, a saw mill and an express office.

Collin, A. J., genl mdsc.
Coulter, A., genl mdsc.
Finger, H. L., saw, grist mill and cotton gin.
Kelley, J. L., physician.
McAllister, John, genl. mdsc. And druggist.
Perry, S. J. Miss., real estate.
Zetroner, A. T., stock dealer.

Land Owners – Wm. Adams, Mrs. F. S. Alexander, Samuel Douglas, Wm. Evans, Mrs. R. B. Feastor, E. H. Gaskins, Andrew Graddick, Mrs. M. M. Graddick, Nick Graddick, Gus James, Miss. C. J. Kennedy, T. R. Kennedy, Mrs. M. A. McLeod, W. S. Perry.

Notes: This is showing that James Lawrence Kelley was in the picture here. Him and his father (George Washington Kelley, Sr.) were landowners as within the year 1883. We could see that James Kelley brought land from a Mr. Finger's mill dating from a September 15, 1883 Gainesville newspaper called "The Weekly Bee" and this State directory didn't capture that.

**Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
February 11, 1884**

William E. Alexander and wife, Harriet B. Alexander
of Chatham County, Georgia
To
William J. Walker and George W. Kelley and J. Lawrence Kelley
of Alachua County, Florida

Deed Book "S", page 19
Dated Feb. 11, 1884
Filed Feb. 13, 1884
Warranty Deed for \$4000.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:
All of Sections 2-10-21 and 3-10-21; and other lands.

Signed – W. E. Alexander (SEAL) Harriet B. Alexander (SEAL) in presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledgment with release of dower by wife under separate examination using regular statutory words, before
M. F. Molina J. P., Chatham County, Georgia. SEAL.

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**Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
April 7, 1884**

George W. Kelley, and William J. Walker and their wives
Sarah J. Kelley and Mary A. Walker, of Alachua Co., Fla.
To
J. Lawrence Kelley, of Alachua Co., Fla.

Deed Book "R", page 240
Dated April 7, 1884
Filed April 7, 1884
Warranty Deed for \$500.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:

All that lot of land lying between Main and King Streets, commence East on Section line of Section 2, and run West to Green Street. Containing 82 acres.

And other lands.

Signed: Geo. W. Kelley (SEAL) Wm. J. Walker (SEAL)
 Sarah J. Kelley (SEAL) Mary A. Walker (SEAL)

In presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledgment, with release of dower by wives under separate examination using regular statutory words before A. D. Bell, J. P., Alachua Co., Fla. SEAL.

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**Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
April 10, 1884**

Tennille Notes.

Dr. Thomas Kelley who recently graduated at the Belvue Medical College of New York has returned home and is prospecting with the view of selection a location to practicing medicine, he is a young man of high moral character and we predict for him success in his chosen profession.

RALPH

March 26th '84

**Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
May 15, 1884**

Florida News.

We re-produce the greater portion of a recent letter from our former townsmen Mr. Geo. W. Kelley, as we are assured his many friends in this section will be glad to hear of him in his new home. Mr. Kelley with his son Dr. J. L. Kelley and other friends have laid off in their purchase, the new town of Windsor, and he gives us a bright picture of its future prospects. The letter is dated,

Windsor, May 1, 1884,

We have laid out quite a nice little town on the east side of Newnans Lake and in the short space of six or eight weeks after it was laid out, we had sold seventy-five or one hundred lots. The people buying them are from sixteen different States and two from Europe, and the best of all is, that all of them are good christian people. This is undoubtedly one of the most delightful places in the United States, and I had rather risk my health here, than in the mountains of Georgia. We are eight miles east of Gainesville, four miles north of Gruelle and four miles west of Campsville, in Alachua county. This Lake abounds with the finest variety of fish and our soil here is certainly superior to almost any in the State. Myself, Doctors Walker and Kelley have about twenty-five acres planted in Oranges, the most of these trees are growing nicely and about one hundred of them are large bearing trees. I have never seen the mosquitoes here the tenth part as bad as they were at my place near Sandersville, and sand-flies we have none. The people from Deland and Eustace in South Florida are buying and moving here. The lands are splendid for vegetables and almost all of the tropical fruits and this large and beautiful lake affords splendid protection for the fruits and vegetables on this side. The difference between the east and west sides of it is wonderful. When the oranges on the west side were all frost bitter and ruined, they were not hurt on this side.

I am as ever yours and sincerely,
GEO. W. KELLEY

Note:

It was made mentioned of a place called Eustace, I think really it was meant to be Eustis. Also, we see an area named Gruelle, look at the newspaper clipping dating September 20, 1883 for my note.

**Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
May 21, 1884**

J. Lawrence Kelley and Lilian M. Kelley of Alachua County, Florida
To
Mrs. George A. Slaton of McLean County, State of Kentucky

Deed Book "R", page 316
Dated May 21st, 1884
Filed May 29th, 1884
Warranty Deed for \$50.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:

In a plat of the town of Windsor as Lot No. 28 Green Street said lot fronting on Green Street thirty-five feet and running sixty feet deep.

Except for the sale of intoxicating Liquors

Signed: J. Lawrence Kelley M. D. (SEAL)
Lilian M. Kelley (SEAL)

In the presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledged with release of dower by wife under separate examination using regular statutory words before J. H. Crosby..., C. A. W. Thomas, J. P., Alachua County, State of Florida. No Seal shown.

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**Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
May 21, 1884**

J. Lawrence Kelley and Lilian M. Kelley
of Alachua County, State of Florida
To
Miss Elizabeth C. Johnson
of Davis County, State of Kentucky

Deed Book "R", page 317
Dated May 21st, 1884
Filed May 29th, 1884
Warranty Deed for \$260.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:

In a plat of the town of Windsor as Lot No. 25 East Main Street said lot facing North of Main and West of fifth street East containing 3.20 acres.

Also lot No. 30 Green St said lot fronting on Green thirty five feet and sixty feet deep.

Except it shall not be used for selling intoxicating Liquors

Signed: J. Lawrence Kelley M. D. (SEAL)
Lilian M. Kelley (SEAL)
In the presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledged with release of dower by wife under separate examination using regular statutory words before C. A. W. Thomas, J. P., Alachua county, State of Florida, and J. H. Crosby....
No seal shown.

Note: We are unable to find an Estate on Elizabeth C. Johnson or a conveyance on the above described land in the public records of Alachua County, Florida.
"Abstracter"

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**Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
June 19, 1884**

Medical.

We call attention to the card of Dr. T. J. Kelley in another column of this paper. Dr. Kelley is a graduate of Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, an institution that offers facilities for clinical instruction, unsurpassed we presume on the continent. Having at the cost of much labor and expense fitted himself for his profession, we hope the doctor will receive a liberal patronage.

Windsor, Florida.

We have received a handsome circular, descriptive of the new town just laid off by our former countyman, Mr. Geo. W. Kelley, in connection with his son, Dr. J. Lawrence Kelley and Mr. J. A. Rosborough of Glascock. Though but six months old, seven houses, a saw and planing mill have been erected, five orange groves set out, a post office established, several gardens planted, and miles of streets cleared and fenced. The climate, healthfulness, and valuable products to which that locality is adapted, together with other advantages, inspire the enterprising founders with strong confidence of a prosperous future. They start out right in making it a prohibition town, every deed and will prohibit the sale of liquor. Success to Windsor and to its clever founders.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald Sandersville, Georgia August 14, 1884

Mr. Geo W. Kelley delighted his many friends, and all are his friends in Washington, by dropping in on them on yesterday. He is accompanied by his lady and has been spending several days with relatives in Glascock and other counties, they make but a brief stay, returning to their Florida home at Windsor. He is well pleased with his new home. Dr. Geo. W. Kelley who is also here, will accompany him to Florida.

Newspaper: The Mercury Sandersville, Georgia August 19, 1884

Personal.

Mr. George W. Kelley former resident of this county now of Florida, was in the city on Wednesday. Mr. Kelley speaks in flattering terms about his new home.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald Sandersville, Georgia January 8, 1885

Rev. T. J. Cumming has moved from near Louisville to Warrenton, GA.

Dr George Kelley has moved from Gibson and located in Warrenton.

Record: Abstract of Title Alachua County, Florida February 21, 1885

J. Lawrence Kelley and wife Lilian M. Kelley of Alachua County, Florida
To
Mrs. E. M. Munsinger, of Alachua County, State of Florida

Deed Book "V", page 585
Dated February 21, 1885
Filed January 9th, 1886
Warranty Deed for \$35.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:

Known on the plat of the town of Windsor as being the south ½ of lot No (1) one Main Street East. Beginning at the SW corner of said lot and running North or parallel with Green Street 35 feet to corner thence East or parallel with Main Street 35 feet to corner thence South or parallel with Green Street 35 feet to Main Street or corner thence West or parallel with Main Street 35 feet to the place of beginning.

Signed: J. L. Kelley, M.D. SEAL
 Lilian M. Kelley SEAL

In the presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledged with release of dower by wife under separate examination using regular statutory words before C. A. W. Thomas, J. P., Alachua County, State of Florida. SEAL.

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**Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
February 21, 1885**

J. Lawrence Kelley and wife Lilian M. Kelley of Alachua County, Florida
To
Miss E. C. Johnson, of Alachua, Florida

Deed Book "V", page 221
Dated February 21st, 1885
Filed May 12th, 1885
Warranty Deed for \$30.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:

Known on the plat of the Town of Windsor as a part of Lot No. (36) Thirty-six Green Street, to wit: Beginning at the S. E. corner of No. 30 Green Street and running 35 feet East or parallel with Main St to corner, thence North or parallel with Green Street 35 feet to corner thence West or parallel with Main Street 35 feet to the N. E. corner of 30 Green Street thence parallel with Green Street 35 feet to the place of beginning.

Except that no intoxicating liquors shall be sold on premises.

Signed: J. L. Kelley, M.D. (SEAL)
 Lilian M. Kelley (SEAL)

In the presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledged with release of dower by wife under separate examination using regular statutory words before C. A. W. Thomas, J. P., Alachua County, State of Florida. SEAL.

Note: We are unable to find an estate of E. C. Johnson or a conveyance from E. C. Johnson on the above described land, in the public records of Alachua county, Florida.

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**Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
February 21, 1885**

J. Lawrence Kelley and Lilian M. Kelley
of Alachua County, State of Florida
To
Mrs. Frances M. Windsor of the County
of Baltimore, State of Maryland

Deed Book “V”, page 220
Dated February 21st, 1885
Filed May 12th, 1885
Warranty Deed for \$200.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:

In a plat of the Town of Windsor as lot No. 8 Green St. Commencing at a stake corner on Green St. and running parallel with Main St. 196 ft thence from commencing corner 99 ft on Green St to corner thence on North side parallel with Main St. 174¼ ft thence to corner of line on South side 105 ft containing 86/100 acres.

...Except that no intoxicating liquors shall be manufactured or sold on premises.

Signed: J. L. Kelley, M. D. SEAL
Lilian M. Kelley SEAL
In the presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledged with release of dower by wife under separate examination using regular statutory words before C. A. W. Thomas, J. P., Alachua County, State of Florida. SEAL.

Note: we have checked the public records of Alachua County, Florida, and are unable to find a deed to T. M. Windsor, or estates on either T. M. Windsor or Frances M. Windsor.
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**Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
May 11, 1885**

J. L. Kelley and Lilian M. Kelley, his wife
To
C. D. Orr of Lee County, Virginia

Deed Book U, page 554
Dated May 11, 1885
Filed May 26, 1885
Warranty Deed for \$200.00

Give, grant, release, alien and confirm:

A lot of land in the Town of Windsor, Alachua county, Florida, lying in the North West corner of East Main St. and First St. East, commencing on a stake at the crossing of said Street and running 314 feet along 1st Street East to a stake thence westward 148 feet to stake thence 292 feet 6 inches to Main Street, thence (one) 100 feet and 6 inches along Main Street to commencing corner. Said lot being a portion of Lot 36 Green Street in original survey; said lot containing (one) 19/100 acres more or less of the Town of Windsor according to the plat thereof recorded in Deed Book S, page 242 and 243 of said Alachua county records, said Town of Windsor is located in Township Ten South Range Twenty-one East.

This conveyance is made on and subject to the express condition that no intoxicating liquors of any kind shall at anytime hereafter be manufactured or sold by the Grantee, his heirs or assigns upon the premises herein described and conveyed to be used as a beverage. And it is expressly provided and made a condition absolute of these presents that if at any time hereafter any intoxicating liquors shall be manufactured or sold by the Grantee his heirs or assigns on such premises to be used as a beverage it shall work a forfeiture hereof and the said premises as of their former estate therein together with all easements, rights of way and appurtenances generally belonging to said land.

Signed and sealed by J. Lawrence Kelley, M. D., and Lilian M. Kelley, in the presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledged by J. L. Kelley and Lillian M. Kelley, his wife, with release of dower under separate examination before S. J. Kennard, N. P., Alachua County, Florida. SEAL.

Note: This deed shown for information only.
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Newspaper: The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia
May 21, 1885

Jefferson County Items.

LOUISVILLE, Ga., - (Special.) – Jefferson county is out of debt and has in her treasury a cash surplus of \$6,300, notwithstanding the defalcation to the extent of \$2,800 of the late treasurer, Weeks. Her county officers are efficient and vigilant of the interests of her county. Ike Farmer, tax collector; W. H. Fay, tax receiver; L. R. Farmer, treasurer; N. Diehl, ordinary; T. J. Stratford, clerk superior court; George Kelley, sheriff. The two last named are the youngest of the county officers. Mr. Diehl has been serving Jefferson county faithfully as an official for thirty-seven years.

Notes:

This Sheriff George Washington Kelley was the cousin of my great-great grandfather (Dr. George Washington Kelley). They have the same name and live in the same town of Louisville, and this could be confusing if not read carefully. This George Kelley was a sheriff and a business professional. He also dabbled into politics as seeing here in his younger life was a sheriff. Some years later, he served as a Tax Collector for Jefferson County also as Mayor of Louisville. For more notes, look at his obituary from the News and Farmers dating February 22, 1923 for more information.

Evidently, my great-great grandfather was close to him as you could see in another clipping from the newspaper dating June 23, 1887. Up to the time that he was gravely ill, he visited him before his death. Look at the newspaper clipping dating February 2, 1901.

**Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
June 10, 1885**

Dr. J. Lawrence Kelley and Lilian M. Kelley, his wife
of Alachua County, State of Florida
To
James W. Denney of the City of Baltimore
State of Maryland

Deed Book "V", page 285
Dated June 10th, 1885
Filed June 11th, 1885
Warranty Deed for \$750.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:

In a plat of the Town of Windsor as a portion of lot No. 36 Green St. Commencing at a corner 105 feet N from crossing of Main and Green Streets and running E parallel with East Main Street 210 feet thence Northward parallel with Green Street 70 feet to corner thence parallel with Main Street 210 feet to Green Street to corner thence parallel with Green Street 70 feet to beginning corner said lot lying East of Green and North of Main Sts.
And other land.

The aforesaid described lots being set forth in a plat of the town of Windsor in said county duly recorded among the Public Records of said Alachua County to which reference is hereby made and which lots are part of the lands conveyed to the said J. Lawrence Kelley by deed from G. W. Kelley & W. J. Walker dated the 17th of April 1884 and recorded among the Public Records of Alachua Co in deed Book No. R at page 240.
...Except the sale of intoxicating liquors
Signed and sealed in the presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledged with release of dower by wife under separate examination using regular statutory words before Edward F. Moody, Jr., N. P., Alachua County, State of Florida. SEAL.

Note: We show this instrument for information only.
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Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald

Sandersville, Georgia
July 9, 1885

Personal.

Mrs. G. W. Kelley and children arrived on Tuesday from their Florida home, Windsor, a town founded and well grown since our former esteemed county-man Mr. G. W. Kelley and his excellent family moved there, not yet two years ago. Mrs. Kelley and family are welcomed back to their old home. We learn they will spend the summer with relatives in the city and in the county.

Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
August 8, 1885

J. Lawrence Kelley and Lilian M. Kelley
of Alachua County, State of Florida
To
Levin A. Sullivan of Talbot County,
State of Maryland

Deed Book "V", page 416
Dated August 8th, 1885
Filed September 15th, 1885
Warranty Deed for \$400.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:

Known on the plat of the town of Windsor Fla as a part of lot No. (36) thirty six Green Street. Beginning on Main Street at the corner of Lot (9) nine a part of said Lot No. (36) thirty six running along Main Street East 194 feet to corner thence Northward 288 feet to stake thence Westward and parallel with Main Street 196 feet thence Southward 288 feet to the place of beginning containing one 39/100 acres.

Except for the manufacture or sale of intoxicating Liquor

Signed: J. L. Kelley (SEAL)
Lilian M. Kelley (SEAL)
In the presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledged with release of dower by wife under separate examination using regular statutory words before C. A. W. Thomas, J. P., Alachua County, State of Florida. SEAL.

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ALACHUA COUNTY (page 56)

Population, 1885, 26,255. Gainesville, county seat.

POST OFFICES, - Archer, Arredondo, Campville, Evinston, Fairbanks, Frankland, Gainesville, Graey, Grove Park, Hague, Hawthorn, Island Grove, Jonesville, LaCross, Lochloosa, Mayfield, Melrose, Micanopy, Newnansville, Orange Heights, Palmer, Paradise, Phoenix, Rochelle, Sentaffecty, Trenton, Waldo, Windsor, Yulee.

Alachua county is bounded on the north by Bradford, Columbia and Suwanne counties, east by Putnam, west by Lafayette and south by Levy and Marion counties.

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The county has an area of 1,260 square miles and contains 806,400 acres. The population in 1880 was 16,462, and the increase from that date to 1885 is 537,575, of which amount there are 29,156 acres of improved and cultivated land. The assessed valuation of real estate in 1885 amounted to \$2,755,423, including city and town property. This county for the most part is one of the most productive in the State, and its lands are adapted to the growth of cotton, grain, vegetables, fruits and semi-tropical products. It figures at the head of the list in stock raising, and the aggregate valuation of real and personal property in the county is \$3,440,490, Alachua county, according to the census returns of 1885, rating third in the State in wealth, Duval being first and Escambia second. The county tax is 12 mills, and the State tax 4 mills on the dollar. There were 3,828 votes polled in 1884, of which number 2,091 were Republican and 1,737 Democratic.

CIRCUIT COURT (*Fifth Circuit*). – Spring term convenes at the county seat at Gainesville, the fourth Monday after the fourth Monday in March, and fall term the first Monday after the fourth Tuesday in November. Thomas King, Gainesville, Circuit Judge; W. A. Hacker, Leesburg, State's Attorney.

COUNTY OFFICERS. – *County Judge* – Junius C. Gardner, Gainesville; *Clerk* – J. A. Carlisle, Gainesville; *Sheriff* – S. C. Tucker, Arredondo; *Collector of Revenue* – H. C. Denton, Gainesville; *Superintendent of Schools* – W. N. Sheats, Gainesville; *Tax Assessor* – A. J. DaCosta; *County Commissioners* – W. D. Dickenson, Lewis R. Thomas, residence Franklin; W. H. Robertson, residence Gainesville; A. Hague, J. W. Smith.

WINDSOR. (page 458)

ALACHUA COUNTY.

Population, 300. E. M. Munsinger, postmaster. Was first settles in 1883. Situated on Lake Newnan, 12 miles east of Gainesville, the county seat and nearest banking point. Rochelle, four miles south, is the shipping and express station. Has three stores, two saw, planing and shingle mills, a grist mill, fertilizer manufactory, white and colored schools, and a Methodist church. Oranges, cotton and lumber are the principal shipments. Stage communication with Rochelle daily, fare 50 cents. Mails daily. Land sells at \$10 to \$150 per acre.

Adams, William, physician.
Connell, G. W., livery.
Ferguson, Silvia, teacher.
Griffin, G. B., saw, planing and shingle mill.
Kelley, George, prop. Windsor Hotel.
Kelley, J. L., physician, saw, grist, planing and shingle mill.

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Mitchell, B. & Co., dry goods and groceries.
Montgomery –, furniture.
Moody, E. F., dry goods and groceries.
Munsinger, J. Rev., pastor M. E. church.

Nobles, James, dentist.
Porcher, P. M., land agt.
Pyrn, Edward prop. Windsor Central Hotel.
Shoemaker, W. F., pastor M. E. church.
Sink, Jacob, butcher.
Steinmeyer – Rev., pastor M. E. church (South).
Willett, H. Mrs., bakery.
Windsor Central Hotel, Edward Pyron, prop.
Windsor Hotel, George Kelley, prop.

COTTON AND GRAIN PLANTERS.

William Adams.	M. Beckham.
G. W. Kelley.	J. L. Kelley.
James Nobles.	M. C. Phifer.
Ballard Thomas.	C. A. W. Thomas.
W. J. Walker.	

ORANGE GROWERS.

G. W. Kelley.	J. L. Kelley.
James Nobles.	M. C. Phifer.
W. J. Walker.	

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
February 18, 1886

LOCAL

Dr. G W. Kelley, of Warrenton, spent two days this week with relatives in this place.

Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
May 8, 1886

J. Lawrence Kelley and wife Lilian M. Kelley
of Alachua County, State of Florida
To
John Livesey
of ... County, State of Massachusetts

Deed Book "Y", page 245
Dated May 8th, 1886
Filed May 11th, 1886
Warranty Deed for \$160.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:

Known on the plat of the town of Windsor as a part of Lot No. (36) Thirty-Six beginning at the NE corner of Green and Main Streets and measuring (173) one hundred and seventy three feet along East Main Street to stake corner thence in same direction (62) sixty two feet to corner thence in a Northerly direction along the line of L. A. Sulivans lot (105) one hundred and five feet to corner, thence Westward or parallel with Main St (62) Sixty two feet, thence in a Southern direction to place of beginning (105) one hundred and, five feet.

Signed: J. Lawrence Kelley M. D. (SEAL)
Lilian M. Kelley (SEAL)
In the presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledged with release of dower by wife under separate examination using regular statutory words before C. A. W. Thomas, J. P., Alachua County, State of Florida. SEAL.

Note: We find no estate of John Livesey in the public records of Alachua county, Florida.
“Abstracter”

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Note:

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**Newspaper: The Augusta Chronicle
Augusta, Georgia
June 1, 1886**

THE PRESS AND THE PEOPLE

ENTHUSIASM MANIFEST IN WARRENTON

HUGE BACON CLUB ORGANIZED ON THREE HOURS NOTICE – THE EX-SOLDERS ALL FOR MAJOR BACON – THE GORDON MEN ALSO MEET WITH CLOSED DOORS – VOICES ALL ALONG THE LINK.

Warrenton, GA., May 31. – (Special) – On three hours' notice a Bacon campaign club was organized here tonight of sixty-one voters. J. M. W. Cody was elected temporary chairman and Col. M. R. Hall, of the 48th Georgia regiment, was elected President of the club.

Vice Presdident – Capt. John Thompson, Sergeant J. M. W. Cody, Col. C. D. Roberson, Hon. T. N. Pool and L. A. Cason.

Sergeant of Artillery – John R. Swain.

Secretaries – H. H. Fitzpatrick, Dr. Pierce Hubert, Jas. P. Swain, A. F. Ware, J. W. Debeaugrine.

Executive Committee – Dr. R. W. Hubert, Jesse M. Cody, Col. N. A. Wicker, Col. Jas. Whitehead, Rev. T. J. Pilcher, N. H. Stiles, Dr. J. C. Jarnagin, Major C. E. McGregor, Lieut. T. B. Pohl, Lieut. A. Earnest, of Texas Cavalry; A. L. Cummings, E. S. Cody, Dr. G. W. Kelley, Dr. E. E. Parsons, A. Leaser.

Members Enrolled – P. J. Smith, P. F. Smith, A. Guthiel, W. H. Norton, S. L. Pattilo, L. H. Pattilo, T. B. Wicker, T. H. Nay, C. E. Atkinson, R. C. Jones, J. W. Thompson, J. A. J. McDonough, W. A. Burnley, C. W. Cason, H. D. Pounds, W. H. Latimer, H. S. Palmer, A. H. Rodgers, R. L. Jones, J. S. Hall, David Brinson, D. R. Howell, E. J. Bernelle, H. L. Hall, Joe Raley, J. Clark, J. T. Lee, Jas. Latimer, R. V. English, E. G. Scruggs, Jas. Welborn, Thos. N. Shurley,

This list includes very nearly every old soldier in the limits of the town. The Gordon Club held a meeting at the same time, and as the meeting was with closed doors I can't say how many men were present, but am informed that ten will more than cover them. Black's letter and Bacon's full speech as published are “knocking the stuffing” out of the Gordon Bombast. A junior Bacon club was also organized at the same time, and was composed of about twenty of our boys too young to vote, but who will do all they can to elect Maj. Bacon.

Note:

This I copied from a very poor image of a newspaper. Some wording and names might not be correct.

Newspaper: The Macon Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
June 24, 1886

GORDON'S VICTIMS.

PEOPLE WHO PAID FOR THEIR FAITH IN THE CAVALIER.

Partial List of Georgians Who Lost Money by the Southern Life Insurance Co., Which Gen. Gordon Assured Them was Entirely Safe.

Below will be found the list of Georgians who were victims of the Southern department of the Southern Life Insurance Company when it went into bankruptcy, together with the amount each lost. The grand total of these losses is \$159,547.87:

(Many locations, and names are listed here. Focus of interest is one person below.)

SANDERSVILLE. – G. W. Kelley \$56.65

Note:

Around this year Dr. George Washington Kelley Jr. was living in Warrenton, Georgia. His Father (George Washington Kelley Sr.) was living in Windsor, Florida. I'm not sure if this is the G. W. Kelley of my interest here.

Newspaper: The Augusta Chronicle
Augusta, Georgia
March 27, 1887

WARRENTON, GA.

WARRENTON, GA., March 26. – [Special.] –

We regret to pen the dangerous illness of our friend, Dr. G. W. Kelley. We hope before the commencement of another week, he will be so far recovered as to be up and among us.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
June 23, 1887

PERSONAL.

Dr. G. W. Kelley, of Warrenton was in town two days last week, and the guest of his cousin, Mr. G. W. Kelley.

Note:

This shows me that my great-great grandfather (Dr. George Washington Kelley) knew his cousin (George Washington Kelley, son of Francis Marion Kelley and Sarah Jane Haden). I am sure that they were quite close, and this really confused me whenever I do research on my great-great grandfather.

Dr. George Washington Kelley later moved to Louisville, and I wouldn't be surprised if his cousin encouraged him making that move. His cousin with the same name was a merchant and was involved in some politics in the city of Louisville.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
June 23, 1887

FRED MORGAN EXECUTED.

Friday morning early crowds began to flock into town, which indicated that something unusual was to happen that day. The hanging of a man in this county was an unusual occurrence, for it had been 45 years since such a sight was viewed here, and the big majority who came to town on Friday were not born 45 years ago. As the hours passed by the crowd increased in number until every street was filled with people and vehicles. The like had never been seen before. Big, little, old and young, men and women, white and black were on hand; the blacks, however, being largely in the majority. Intending to make the best of the day possible, most of them had brought little money along and they crowded the stores to spend it. It being warm, they turned their attention to the public well and by ten o'clock drew it dry, a thing never done before even when fighting fire. They then made an attack on the soda water and lemonade stands and made it busy for the clerks. On every street under every shade tree, spread over the court house square and around the jail was an almost solid mass of humanity. But the best of order prevailed, and we was only one man misbehaving on the street and he was a drunken white man from another county. Over a thousand stopped at the gallows and never came into town. Most of them took their position soon in the morning and there they stayed till they saw the hanging. The size of the crowd is estimated at from four to seven thousand. We feel safe in saying there were not less than four thousand. At 2 o'clock sheriff Kelley and Deputy-sheriff Vause, accompanied by a guard of thirty or forty, went to the jail for Morgan. As he came out he was smoking, and in a strong, and steady voice bid the crowd "good day." The large crowd pressed around to see him, but the guard opened a way, and he was soon in a buggy with the deputy-sheriff and on the way to the gallows. The Members of the guard were all on horseback, and, surrounding the buggy on all sides, they kept back the crowd. Such a procession never passed through the town. As they passed along the road the dust rose like a cloud, and at the red hill just before reaching the gallows the dust was so dense a man could not see twenty yards before him. Having reached the gallows, the condemned man, the sheriff, deputy, Drs. Porter and Wright, who were appointed by the court to attend, accompanied Drs. Powell, J. M. Kelley and G. W. Kelley, and a few others ascended the stand. Morgan walked to the front and commenced to say something when he was checked by some one. Up to this time he seemed to be master of himself although showing some signs of fear. Sheriff Kelley had supplied him with an entire new suit, and he made a neat appearance. Rev. Davis of the colored Baptist church read a hymn which he said was the choice of the prisoner, and as he lined it out the vast multitude joined in the song. Morgan did not sing, and he began to grow uneasy. Prayer was offered by Rev. Burton, which was short, pointed and appropriate. Rev. Bailey made a short statement for the condemned man, and as exhortation to the crowd. He state that Morgan was indifferent at first, and it was three weeks before he acknowledged he had done wrong, expressed a desire to be forgiven and shed a tear. But that towards the last he became very much interested in religion, expressed a hope of forgiveness, and entertained no ill will towards any one. Morgan then spoke about these words: "I think I am away, and then I think I am a changed man, and that I have been forgiven. This rope will lead me to heaven, and I expect to spring from this platform into the world of glory. I want all of you to meet me in heaven for you will never see me here again. I have been in jail nearly six months, and I want to tell you Mr. Kelley has always been kind to me, and I consider him the best man I ever saw, and I shall carry his name with me to the bar of God." By this time he was much exhausted, and the ride in the hot sun and a drink of water and of lemonade made him sick. As the black cap was being drawn over his head he began to vomit and appeared very weak. At last the fearful moment is at hand – the rope arranged, the cap drawn over his face, the prop knocked from under the trap door, and the doomed man goes down with a crash! The drop was between seven and eight feet, and the neck was broken. As he fell the whole crowd seemed to be moved as by one impulse – a shudder and a moan could be heard on all sides. Although the neck was well broken, and there was not a struggle the pulse of the victim was good for eight minutes; but it ceased to move after thirteen minutes, the doctors pronounced life extinct, and the body was cut down. It was placed in a coffin, and buried in the colored grave yard near town. Thus ended the career of Fred Morgan. He committed a brutal murder, and has paid the full penalty of the law. He professed to have repented and received pardon, and met death in as brave a manner as most men do under like circumstances

SOME NOTES.

Our readers are familiar with the murder, and we shall not give a history of the same. It has always been believed that Morgan killed Emma Lewis because he thought she was going back to her husband; but he claimed he killed her because she declared she would give him strychnine. And he stood firm in this declaration to the last, and nothing but the last judgment will decide the question.

The report has gone out that he was strangled to death; but that is untrue. His neck was broken, and he scarcely moved a muscle. Col. H. H. Jones, a reporter for the daily papers, who has attended many hangings, said the execution of Morgan was done with more ease and skill than he had ever seen.

Again, it has been said he was drunk, and that was why he vomited, and could hardly stand up towards the last. That report is untrue. Not a drop of whiskey was given to him. He was sick Thursday night and all Friday morning and vomited while in jail. We do not think it was necessary to drink whiskey or anything else to cause sickness when under Morgan's circumstances – the thought of being hanged would make most people weak at the stomach, If you don't believe it, wait till you try it.

Morgan showed that he had some heart at last when he spoke in his last words of sheriff Kelley's kindly treatment. He was kindly treated, and it was a good spirit that prompted him to express his gratitude.

It is the belief of many that if the exercises had been continued a few minutes longer, a nearer dead than living man would have been executed so fast did Morgan lose his strength as the awful moment approached.

We are convinced more that ever that public hangings produce a bad effect. Of the thousands who came from this, Burke, Glasscock, Washington, Warren and other counties to see Morgan executed, not a single man, woman or child returned home a particle better; but we fear most of them were a little harder hearted.

But our merchants are not strongly opposed to public executions; for we suppose they took in between one and two thousand dollars Friday. It was the best day for trade that has struck the town lately.

**Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
August 9, 1887**

J. Lawrence Kelley and wife Lilian M. Kelley of Alachua County, Florida
To
George W. Kelley of Alachua County, Florida

Deed Book 32, page 208
Dated August 9th, 1887
Filed May 20th, 1890
Warranty Deed for \$400.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:

One Town lot in the town of Windsor Alachua County, Fla and known in a plat of said town as Lot #26 Green Street and described as follows. beginning at a stake corner on Green Street and measuring along East Main St. 60 ft to corner and thence North ward and parallel with Green St 35 feet to corner thence Westward and parallel with said Main St 60 ft to Green St and thence Southward along Green St 35 ft to commencing corner.
And other land.

Signed and sealed in the presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledged with release of dower by wife under separate examination using regular statutory words before C. A. W. Thomas, J. P., Alachua County, State of Florida. SEAL.

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Biographical Souvenir of the States of Georgia and Florida
Book printed in the year 1889

Thomas Jefferson Marion Kelley, M. D.

One of the oldest settlers of that part of Warren County, Georgia, subsequently cut off and erected into Glascock County, was John Kelley, a native of Ireland, who located about one mile from where the town of Gibson now stands, in the year 1775. He was an average pioneer of those days, possessing most of the traits of character distinguishing his race with what American ways were forced on him by his new surroundings. He grew to be a planter of fair means and raised a rather numerous family, one of whom was James Kelley. The latter (George Washington Kelley Sr.) followed the business also of a planter, growing in means somewhat beyond the point reach by his father, and in turn also became the head of a family. James Kelley has been a man of more diversified pursuits than his ancestors, having been farmer, mill-man, merchant and lumber dealer, at all of which he has proved a reasonably fair success. He has served his county in several official capacities; was a soldier in the late war on the Confederate side; has always been noted for the great interest he has taken in all educational matters, for his strict temperance and mark piety. He married a daughter of John Kitchens, another old Glascock County pioneer, and has raised a family of ten children whose names are: James Lawrence, Susan Francis, Thomas Jefferson Marion, Lanie Elizabeth, George Washington, Allen Robert, Laura Corinne, Lillian Pauline, Viola and Lee Warthen.

Thomas Jefferson Marion Kelley, whose name heads this sketch, was born in Glascock County, April 15, 1855; was reared mainly and educated in Sandersville, the county-seat of the adjoining county, read medicine under his brother, Dr. James Lawrence Kelley, took one course of lectures at the Medical University of Maryland, at Baltimore, and a second at the Georgia Medical College at Augusta, graduation in 1880, and located in Gibson for the practice of his profession. When he started out as a pillar of society his entire capital consisted of his diploma and his determination to succeed. These were sufficient; he has done well. In November, 1881, he married Miss Ida V. Logue, of Glascock County, who died in 1884, and he subsequently married her cousin, Miss Martha Mary Susan "Molly" Logue, of the same county. He has a pleasant home and an interesting family.

George Washington Kelley, M. D.

The subject of this sketch is a brother of Dr. Thomas Jefferson Marion Kelley, of Gibson, Glascock County, Georgia, whose sketch appears in this work, and in that sketch will be found the facts in reference to the early history of the family. It is intended here simply to give an outline of Dr. George Washington Kelley's life, so as to connect him with the general history of the family. He was born in Gibson, November 17, 1861; was a child when his father moved to Sandersville, the county seat of the adjoining county; was reared in Sandersville and educated at the high school at that place; selected medicine as a profession and prepared himself for college under the direction of his elder brother, Dr. James Lawrence Kelley; took a course of lectures at the Georgia Medical College at Augusta; another at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Maryland, and finished at the Southern Medical College at Atlanta, Georgia. He began the practice in Gibson in March, 1883; was there two years and then moved to Warrenton, where he has since been. There remains enough of the Irish blood in his veins, derived from John Kelley, his first ancestor, to give him quickness of wit and suppleness of limb, and these, with his genial spirits, affable address, united to a good knowledge of his profession, have brought him a good practice since the day he began. He has had all he could attend to in discharging his duties to his patients and profession, and has no time to dabble in outside matters.

James M. Kelley, M. D.

One of the prominent practitioners of Griffin, Georgia, was born in Glascock County, Georgia, March 4, 1854. His parents were F. M. and Sarah J. (Hadden) Kelley, both natives of Georgia. The father, F. M. Kelley served as a captain of a company in the Forty-eighth Georgia regiment in the Confederate army in the late war. At the battle of Gettysburg he was wounded, taken prisoner and was held in confinement until peace was restored. He died in 1885 in his fifty-fourth year.

James M., subject of this sketch, graduated from the University of Georgia, at Athens. He then attended three full courses of medical lectures at Bellevue Hospital Medical College at New York, and graduated from that institution

in the spring of 1878. He located in Jefferson County, Georgia, and began the practice of his profession in all its branches, giving special prominence, however, to surgery, in which he is especially successful. He practiced in Jefferson County for eight years, until 1886, when he moved to Griffin, where he has since resided.

In December, 1882, he married Miss Ida G. Foy, daughter of G. W. Foy, of Effingham County, Georgia. Their home has been made happy in the birth of three children, who are named: Marion F., M. Hewlitt and Hattie Gertrude.

Dr. Kelley is a member of the Georgia State Medical Association and the Griffin Medical Society. He is a Master Mason, and both he and his wife are consistent members of the Baptist Church.

**Newspaper: Macon Weekly Telegraph, published as The Weekly Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
January 13, 1889**

Kelley Flees From Warrenton

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A Prominent Physician Departs Secretly with Family and Effects

Warrenton, January 12. - (Special) - The citizens of this place are in a ferment at the sudden disappearance of Dr. G. W. Kelley and his family on last Thursday night.

Early Friday morning a gentleman had occasion to visit Dr. Kelley on business. He failed to find any one at home, and the house had such an air of desertion about it that it created a suspicion in his mind that all was not as it should be. He mentioned his suspicions to one or two friends of the doctor and it was decided to return and look into the matter. When these parties reached the house they knocked repeatedly and, getting no answer, decided to enter. On trying the door it was found to be unlocked. The house was entirely empty. All the furniture had been removed and even the carpets taken up. His horses were gone, and on visiting his office, which is near the residence, it was discovered that the drugs were gone. The doctor had made a clean sweep.

The negro woman who has been cooking for the doctor's family stated that the furniture was removed on Wednesday night and that Dr. Kelley was assisted by his father and brother. In what direction the goods were sent she claimed not to know. The woman's statement is partly corroborated by the fact the Kelley's father and brother visited him on Wednesday.

It is supposed that Kelley fled to avoid the payment of his debts, as it is known that he owed much money. In spite of his financial troubles Kelley had many friends and they regret that he should have fled in such a disgraceful manner.

**Newspaper: Macon Weekly Telegraph, published as The Weekly Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
January 15, 1889**

Dr. Kelley's Departure

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It is Said That He Will Return to Warrenton and Adjust His Debts

Warrenton January 14. - (Special) - The special from this place in reference to Dr. Kelley's disappearance contained certain errors which your correspondent has been asked to correct, and, in justice to Dr. Kelley, he takes pleasure in so doing.

It now transpires that the rumor that Dr. Kelley had moved his furniture at night was incorrect. It is true that all his drugs were removed, but it is said that they were sold to one of his creditors. His horses, too, were disposed of in the same way, there being a mortgage on them. It is said, too, that Dr. Kelley and family left in the daytime.

That Dr. Kelley is financially embarrassed no one denies, but his friends here believe that he will return and adjust his indebtedness. Dr. Tom Kelley, his brother, informs your correspondent that the doctor will return here soon and straighten out his affairs, and then move to his father's home.

Book: Washington County, Georgia, Newspaper Clippings
Georgia
September 17, 1889

LOCAL

Dr. George W. Kelley and family of Windsor, Florida, passed through the city last Wednesday on their way to Warrenton.

Note:

This was through a published book, focusing on news-stories in Washington County, Georgia. There is no known name of the newspaper mentioned.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
September 26, 1889

PERSONAL.

Dr. G. W. Kelley will move his family to Louisville shortly; we are glad to have them come to our town.

NOTICE.

I have located in the town of Louisville to practice medicine, and I solicit the patronage of the town and surrounding country. I have an experience of seven years practice. Prompt attention will be given to all calls, day or night. For present can be found at Central Hotel.

Respectfully,
G. W. Kelley, M. D.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
October 3, 1889

LOCAL

See card of Dr. G. W. Kelley who has located here to practice medicine.

NOTICE.

I have located in the town of Louisville to practice medicine, and I solicit the patronage of the town and surrounding country. I have an experience of seven years practice. Prompt attention will be given to all calls, day or night. For present can be found at Central Hotel.

Respectfully,
G. W. Kelley, M. D.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
October 31, 1889

LOCAL

Dr. Geo. W. Kelley has moved his family to town, and is living in one of the Gordon houses.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
December 19, 1889

LOCAL

Miss Alice Cumming, of Warren county, is visiting her sister Mrs. Dr. G. W. Kelley.

Dr. G. W. Kelley has moved into the dwelling formerly occupied by Mr. J. W. White.

NOTICE.

I have located in the town of Louisville to practice medicine, and I solicit the patronage of the town and surrounding country. I have an experience of seven years practice. Prompt attention will be given to all calls, day or night. Can be found at the dwelling on Gordon street, formerly occupied by J. W. White.

Respectfully,
G. W. Kelley, M. D.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
January 16, 1890

TOWN COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

J. H. Polhill, Chairman.
J. J. Keith, Chairman pro. tem.
J. F. Brown, Secretary.
A. N. Beach, Treasurer.
B. H. Hayslip, Marshall.

COMMITTEES.

Finance – Keith, Brown and Preskitt.
Street – Brown, Beach and Keith.
Cemetery – Preskitt, Brown, and Beach.
Market – Keith, Beach and Brown.
Sanitary – Dr. J. M. Johnson, Dr. J. D. Wright, Dr. G. W. Kelley, G. W. Warren, J. C. Little, L. R. Farmer and L. F. Berry.

The first named of each of the above committees is chairman of his committee.

Now that the new board is organized and ready for business, we count on the town being run in best of style. We hope the new sanitary board will look after the cleanliness of the town with that care and diligence the matter deserves. This has been a remarkably mild winter, and the chances are there will be considerable malaria and sickness the coming spring and summer. And to prevent such as much as possible, this committee should see the town is kept thoroughly clean. The committee should set at least once a month to inspect the condition of the town, and if any citizen is neglecting to keep his premises in a healthy condition, report it to the council and have the nuisance abated. If the sanitary committee did anything last year, we failed to hear of it. Let the present committee do better by meeting and attending to the duties imposed upon them.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia

January 23, 1890

PERSONAL.

Dr. G. W. Kelley has bought a nice gray horse and can now drive two at the time.

Rev. T. J. Cumming, of Warrenton, spent a day in town this week with the family of Dr. G. W. Kelley. For many years he lived in our county, and his many friends were glad to see him once more.

NOTICE.

I have located in the town of Louisville to practice medicine, and I solicit the patronage of the town and surrounding country. I have an experience of seven years practice. Prompt attention will be given to all calls, day or night. Can be found at the dwelling on Gordon street, formerly occupied by J. W. White.

Respectfully,
G. W. Kelley, M. D.

**Newspaper: The True Citizen
Waynesboro, Georgia
February 15, 1890**

One night last week, while Dr. G. W. Kelley was on his way to see a patient, his horse took fright, dashed off, struck a stump, turned the buggy over, and stove up one of the doctor's arms. He gathered up the fragments and went on his way rejoicing. He has a large and growing practice, but none of it is neglected.

Note:

In the previous newspaper announcement, it stated that Dr. George Washington Kelley had bought a nice gray horse. I can't help but think that this newly brought horse was the reason for this carriage accident. Look at the newspaper article "The New and Farmer" dated January 23, 1890.

**Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
March 6, 1890**

PERSONAL.

Dr. G. W. Kelley and Mr. W. W. Abbot are in Augusta this week.

**Newspaper: The Athens Banner
Athens, Georgia
April 15, 1890**

McGREGOR'S TRIAL.

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DRAWING TO A SPEEDY END

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The Prisoner Disrobes Himself to Show a Scar Upon His Body – A Sensational Scene – A Boy Faints,

WARRENTON, April 11. – (Special.) –

The McGregor trial is almost concluded.

It has been one of the most speedy trials in Georgia courts of justice.

Turning to the judge he asked if he could get the use of the stenographer's nographer's table.

“There’s room enough for your papers, sir,” replied the judge, at which McGregor laid down his papers and address the jury.

He said:

“Gentlemen, it is but natural that I should be somewhat enfeebled after a confinement of six months in jail and under an excitement like this, I beg that you will excuse me if any time I appear unduly agitated.”

The speaker then addressed the judge.

“Your honor.” He said, “it may be necessary for me ask the indulgence of the court if, during the progress of the statement, I shall find myself physically unable to proceed. I may need a short period of rest before concluding my statement.”

The judge assured him that he would grant him all the time he needed, at which McGregor unrolled his manuscript and began to read.

The statement is given in substance below:

McGregor was a member of the Royal Arcanum, and on December 24th, 1887, he met several friends on the street who reminded him of a meeting of the order which was to occur that night, and urged upon him the importance of attending.

He promised to go, and did so, leaving the hall about 8:15 o’clock.

As he was going home he heard the popping of firecrackers and saw the Roman candles on every side, the boys were beginning to celebrate Christmas.

It was a misty night and the roads were muddy. He could see objects, but indistinctly.

He reach his gate, unlatch it, walked in and started down the walk toward his house.

Suddenly there was a blinding flash of lightning almost in his face, followed in the twinkling of an eye a report so loud that he was deafened.

He then felt that he had been hurt, and on looking among the shrubbery he saw the form of a man in a crouching posture. He was about twenty feet distant and seemed to wear a mask, as McGregor could not distinguish his features.

The stranger said nothing, at which McGregor cried out:

“What did you hit me with?”

There was no reply.

“What did you hit me with? You have hurt me,” yelled McGregor.

Still there was no reply, and McGregor, seeing that he could expect no help from the man, and feeling that he was giving away under the effects of the wound, became alarmed and cried out:

“Murder! Murder!”

The man arose very suddenly and dashed off into the darkness of the winter night.

McGregor’s alarm increased and he continued to cry:

“Murder! Murder!”

A gentleman who had been walking with him and another gentleman came running up, and assisted him toward the house.

His wife and children met him at the door. They were greatly alarmed, having heard the report of the pistol, followed by cries for help.

McGregor faced the judge and asked permission to exhibit the scar on his body to the jury. It was granted.

He pulled off his clothes and walked up to the jurors and pointed out a small scar in his right side, and then he turned around, showing them the marks of the surgeon's knife in extracting it.

Various parties had come to him and told him Cody was threatening his life.

He refused to believe it even when it came to his ears that Davis a negro whose daughter was cooking for him, had been offered three hundred dollars to put him out of the way.

Davis died quite suddenly soon after and McGregor was advised to have the body dug up and examined for poison.

This he refused to do.

One misty night, McGregor continued, just such a night as the one he was shot, he saw a man walking down the street. In an instant he recognized the figure as being the one he had seen crouching in the bushes and resolved to identify him, he followed behind until the man came under a street lamp and then he saw it was Jim Cody.

Each recognized the other, but neither spoke.

McGregor followed, debating in his mind whether he should kill him on the spot or let him escape.

He decided to let him escape, as he had no witness there, and it could be proven that Cody had given him no occasion to kill him at that time.

He wrote Cody a letter charging him with the shooting.

Cody acknowledged that he had shot him, but said that he was sorry for it, and asked for a private interview.

This McGregor refused as he was afraid Cody would kill him.

Cody asked for a public interview, which McGregor agreed to.

McGregor went to a designated corner in the business part of the city and waited until he saw Cody coming, when he walked out in the middle of the street and there they talked the matter over, Cody expressing great regret for what he had done, saying that he must have been crazy as he went home and found his wife in a terrible frame of mind, at which he left and shot McGregor.

Cody then said he knew he was not fit to live and told McGregor to kill him.

He said they could go in a store and raise a disturbance when he would pull out a knife and rush upon him and then McGregor could shoot him and be held justifiable in the eyes of the law.

McGregor rejected the idea and left Cody.

He then wrote him a letter demanding him to make a public confession of the shooting, to pay \$500 to the family of the negro Davis, to take up a mortgage of \$1,500 on his sister's farm and leave Warrenton in one hundred days.

Cody received the letter, accepted the terms by signing it, and returned it to McGregor.

Cody then tried to win McGregor's favor, persuading him to go to Atlanta with him to attend a convention of the Knights of Honor, but McGregor, on reaching Atlanta, put up at a different hotel. Cody used his influence in having McGregor elected to a high office in the order, and informed him that his carriage would be at Norwood for them on their return.

The carriage was not there, so they entered a hack, but met the carriage and got into it, McGregor keeping his right hand free, for he was afraid Cody would take his life.

The one hundred days passed, but Cody remained in Warrenton. All the while McGregor and his wife lived in a state of nervous excitement, bordering on frenzy. He never dared to go out of the house after dark unless he left by the back door and slipped through the fence for fear Cody would kill him, as a strange man had been seen lurking around the premises after night.

He finally had Cody indicted.

The case was set for trial, but one of Cody's counsel tried to get it continued. He failed, and the case was called but Cody could not be found.

Another attorney said that Cody had left the state, at which McGregor was so delighted that he went home and frolicked with some children and determined to go to an oyster supper that night.

Just before going a strange man was seen in the yard. All McGregor's uneasiness returned and he went through the back way, carrying with him his gun.

The next morning he saw Swain, Cody's brother-in-law, coming down the street with an overcoat on his arm. The arm was stretched out as if he had a gun under his coat.

Swain went inside a store, and Cody saw a gun in the window on passing.

In a few minutes he saw Jim Cody coming down the street and saw Swain making signs to him.

Cody got out in front of the store and McGregor shot him.

After the shooting, McGregor stated he ran on home, calling to the sheriff to come and get him, as he would surrender. The sheriff went to him and he gave himself up, and had been in jail ever since.

WITNESSES IN REBUTTAL.

Several witnesses were introduced in rebuttal by the state. Mr. James P. Swain testified that he had no recollection of carrying an overcoat on his arm on the day of the shooting, but he certainly had no weapon with him. There was a gun in the window of the store, but it was in the stock; it was not loaded and had a cover on it. He made no sign to Cody.

Mr. Thos. Pitcher testified that McGregor had told him in July, 1888, that he had no fear of Cody, but the county was too small to hold them both.

Mr. J. B. Swain was recalled by the defense and asked if he had told to certain gentlemen, just before court, that he did make signs to Jim Cody. He testified that he did not say; but he had intended to so do, when he saw McGregor crossing to the street toward Cody.

Mr. E. B. Hook, city editor of the Augusta Chronicle, testified that he had interviewed McGregor a few hours after the killing as published in the Chronicle at the time, and said that McGregor said he tried to put the first ball in the exact spot in which the bullet struck him when his assassination was attempted; the second he tried to put in Cody's forehead, and the third under the burr of the ear.

“What did Major McGregor say was his motive?” asked Judge Twiggs.

Before Mr. Hook could reply Mr. Watson was on his feet with an objection. The jury was sent out and Judge Twiggs read a part of Mr. Hook’s report where Mr. McGregor had stated that it was regarded as a mystery why he had not prosecuted Mr. Cody. The reason McGregor gave was that he had no evidence against Cody except his own confession, made under duress, which would not hold good in court. The defense withdrew all objections and the evidence was submitted, Judge Twiggs promising to follow it up with other evidence.

Note:

This was found on the website - <http://www.hickory-hill.org/cases>

CODY–MCGREGOR CASE, WARRENTON, GEORGIA, 1890

On October 12, 1889, Watson received a telegram from his closest friend, Major Charles McGregor, which read dramatically: “I have killed Jim Cody. Come instantly.”

Charles McGregor, former officer in the Confederate army, was a prominent citizen of Warrenton who had served in the state legislature with Watson. His close friendship with Watson was supported by mutual populist political sentiment.

The feud between McGregor and Cody stemmed from their mutual interest in Mrs. DuBose, a wealthy Warrenton widow. Cody was her cousin; McGregor was married. Town gossip ultimately unnerved Cody and on the night of December 17, 1887, he shot McGregor from ambush in his own front yard. McGregor survived the chest wound. At length Cody admitted he had been the assailant. McGregor did not press for criminal prosecution, but routinely armed himself as he went around town. Cody in the meantime moved to Gainesville, Georgia. He was not indicted for attempted murder until spring 1889. Cody was absent from the first term of Superior Court, and bailiffs failed to locate him.

On Saturday, October 12, 1889, Jim Cody rode into Warrenton, stepped out of his buggy and spoke with a citizen on the street. Charles McGregor approached Cody, drew his pistol and deliberately shot Cody three times: in the chest, the head and the neck. Cody died in the street--any of the three shots would have been fatal. McGregor then wired Watson and walked home. The Warren County sheriff promptly arrested McGregor for murder. Cody had been unarmed.

The McGregor trial began April 10, 1890 and received significant press attention, including the Atlanta papers. Solicitor General William M. Howard represented the state, and was assisted by five special prosecutors hired by the Cody family. The team included Hal Lewis, a preeminent litigator, and Judge H.D.D. Twiggs, a distinguished Savannah jurist known for his sarcasm and great oratorical ability. McGregor was represented by 33 year old Tom Watson.

In less than two days, the prosecution presented its case. The facts were undisputed. In defense, Watson offered no testimony and presented only McGregor’s unsworn statement. Watson’s summation rested the entire case his theory of anticipated self-defense: that to anticipate an assassination by killing the intended assassin first was the logical extension of the law of self-defense.

After presenting his argument to the jury, Watson had McGregor’s wife and children, each wearing mourning attire, ushered into the courtroom and seated next to the defendant. Watson appealed:

This, gentlemen, is the picture you make if you bring in a verdict of guilty. Let me present another picture of the glad sunshine of tomorrow. The holy Sabbath smiles in holy joy through the evergreen trees and falls upon a happy family reunited in yonder household. Charley McGregor, the gold of his soul purified by a fire through which it has gone, stands once more within his own home a free man...That picture you can make by bringing in a verdict of not guilty.

The jury acquitted McGregor after 106 hours of deliberation.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
April 17, 1890

PERSONAL.

Dr. G. W. Kelley was a witness in the McGregor-Cody trial at Warrenton. He has returned home.

Note:

There was a newspaper story I found in "The Athens Banner" dating April 15th, 1890. I have included this news item. Interesting that my great-great grandfather was there seeing this trial taking place.

Dr. George Washington Kelley must have known the victim (Jim Cody, or known as J. M. W. Cody). Dr. George Kelley and Jim Cody was made mentioned together in a newspaper story dating June 1, 1886 by The Augusta Chronicle.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
June 19, 1890

LOCAL

Mrs. Dr. G. W. Kelley is visiting relatives in Warrenton.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
July 10, 1890

LOCAL

Dr. G. W. Kelley has moved his office just over the News & Farmer printing office. When you want to see him, ascend the long new steps.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
August 28, 1890

LOCAL

Dr. G. W. Kelley has bought from Mr. L. Henderson the two lots fronting the house in which Mr. I. F. Farmer lives.

Newspaper: The Morning News
Savannah, Georgia
July 25, 1890

LOCAL PERSONAL

The following party from Gainesville, Fla., spent yesterday in the city: George W. Kelley and wife, W. W. Abbott and wife, G. H. Harrell, wife and two children, Mrs. D. W. Aldred, Miss Susie Allen, J. W. White, Roger Warren, Ben Warner, W. F. Denny and J. B. Polhill. W. J. Henderson and wife and Miss Mamie Gross of Davisboro were with the party. They left for home by the 8:10 o'clock train last night.

Notes:

In the paper was a typo after Gainesville as in the state of Georgia, and I know they meant to be Gainesville, Florida. I have corrected that typo.

**Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
December 29, 1890**

George W. Kelley of Alachua County, State of Florida
To
Sarah J. Kelley of Alachua County, Florida

Deed Book 32, page 554
Dated December 29th, 1890
Filed December 31st, 1890
Warranty Deed for \$10.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:

Lot fronting 30 ft on Green St and 60 ft on Main Street And other lands. in the Town of Windsor

Signed and sealed in the presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledged before C. A. W. Thomas, J. P., Alachua County, State of Florida. No seal shown.

Note on deed: Sarah J. Kelley is the wife of George W. Kelley.
Signed: C. A. W. Thomas, J. P.

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Note:

These records are abstract. This means that the records maybe condense and are not original records. They are helpful and would do good for farther research. I'm not sure when this project was worked on. It was done by the Florida Land Title Association. Abstract of title no. 98205. Prepared by Alachua County Abstract Company, Gainesville, Florida. At request of: Schackow, Smith and McGalliard, Attorneys; attention: Frederick Smith.

**Newspaper: Macon Weekly Telegraph, published as The Weekly Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
June 20, 1891**

The Drop Broke His Neck

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Hanging of Sherman Brookins at Louisville

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The Prisoner Meets Death in a Cool and Determined Way-Ready for Death-Crime for Which He was Hanged

Louisville, June 19. - (Special) - Sherman Brookins, the cold blooded murderer of Simon Kelly, was hanged today in public, about one mile from town.

Several colored preachers spent the evening and part of last night with the condemned man. He slept very little during the night and when Sheriff Farmer carried him his breakfast this morning, he scarcely touched it. He has been well attended both by colored and white ministers. His niece and half sister visited him in jail this morning and took an affectionate farewell of him. A correspondent called on Brookins at the jail soon this morning, but Brookins refused to be interviewed, although he spoke very freely to the Telegraph's correspondent yesterday.

About 11:30 Sheriff Farmer and deputies entered the jail. The sheriff gave Brookins a cigar, which he smoked with evident relish. He then requested to be left by himself for ten minutes, which was conceded. Then he called the sheriff and gave him an old knife blade which he had in his cell for a long time. He remarked that some people

thought he would kill himself, but of that he never had the remotest idea. He was then got ready for the journey to the gallows, a distance of a mile from the jail.

Leaving The Jail

The procession left the jail at 11:50, the prisoner in a buggy with the sheriff and about twelve men on horseback as guards, armed with loaded rifles.

When the scaffold was reached the prisoner fell on his knees on the bottom step and offered up a short prayer. He then ascended the gallows with a firm tread, accompanied by the Rev. L. Rice and Elder Gwinn, colored, together with the sheriff and one or two others.

The Rev. Mr. Winn, by request of the prisoner, read five verses of the twentieth and seven of the twenty-first chapter of Revelations.

Looked in His Coffin

During the reading the prisoner walked to the edge of the platform and deliberately looked upon his coffin, which was a very handsome one, not at all like those generally used upon such occasions, and all commended Sheriff Farmer for his good judgment in selecting it.

After the reading of the Scripture the Rev. J. M. Winn offered a prayer. The sheriff then permitted quite a number of the friends of the condemned man to come up to the scaffold and bid him good-by.

He was then asked if he had anything to say, when he stepped forward to the front of the platform and said: "I am very sorry for what I have done to bring me here. You must all take warning by me."

Ready to Die

He said that he had been a bad man and led a wild life, but now thanked God that he was ready to die, and that as God had called he was ready to go.

At 1:10 o'clock the sheriff read the death warrant and bid the prisoner good-by and arranged him for execution. The prisoner then call for Mr. Charley Thigpen, a gentleman whose life he had threatened, and quietly asked him to forgive him, which Mr. Thigpen willingly did and shook hands with him. The sheriff men drew the black cap over his face and the trap was sprung at 1:21 o'clock

His Neck Broken

The drop broke his neck and he only gave one slight quiver and died.

The body was allowed to hang twenty minutes, when he was pronounced dead by Dr. G. W. Kelley. The body was then cut down and turned over to the friends of the deceased and was carried to Sun Hill, Washington county, for burial.

The hanging was conducted most systematically, not a single hitch in the entire proceedings. There were over 5,000 Negroes to witness the execution. All passed off in perfect order.

Brookins was hanged for the murder of Simon Kelly on May 1, 1890, near Bartow.

He was born in Washington county, near Sandersville, where his parents still reside. He is of light ginger-cake color, 5 feet 9 inches high, and weighs about 150 or 160 pounds.

The Story of His Crime

Is as follows: About two weeks before May 1, 1890, Brookins, being one of a gang of hands working on the Central railroad, got his right shoulder dislocated and his right arm injured so that he had to stop work.

The day prior to the killing, Sherman got into a fuss with one of the hands named Charlie Johnson over the proprietorship of a pan, and Sherman says Charlie wanted to shoot him, but was kept from it by the others. The following morning Sherman said he was too sick to get up and so remained in his bunk in the cab car until 10 o'clock, considering and thinking what he should do. He finally got up and dressed, then went into the adjoining car where the cook was and where he kept his gun, a Winchester rifle.

He asked the cook to give it to him, but the cook at first refused, knowing that there had been a fuss and fearing further trouble.

Brookins told him that the rifle was not loaded and that he was going to quit and go to his sister's house in Pinetucky, a station on the Wadley and Mount Vernon railroad. The cook then gave him the rifle and Sherman left, but instead of going toward home, he loaded the rifle and walked up the road to where the hands, about twenty-five or twenty-six of them, were at work shoveling sand on the track.

Brookins said that he went up there to see the conductor, Mr. Jones, and get his time that as soon as he got near the hands that Charlie Johnson commenced firing at him with a pistol, and that Charlie fired twice at him before he returned fire and accidentally shot Simon Kelly.

The Other Side of the Story

The Testimony of all the other witnesses was that Brookins came toward the gang of men, rifle in hand, and got up on a flat car and immediately commenced shooting at the crowd, who all took to their heels and ran. No one saw Charlie Johnson with a pistol, nor did any one see him shoot, and as soon as Brookins commenced shooting Johnson crawled under a car and ran in the direction of the woods, which was in an opposite direction to that taken by the others.

Brookins did not see Johnson run, nor did he shoot in that direction, but he was heard to say he'd shoot some of them, anyway, and so poor Simon Kelly got shot in the back, from which wound he died in a short time.

Directly after the trial and after being sentenced the sheriff was taking Brookins from the court house to the jail, and on leaving the court house Brookins said: "They are going to hang me for killing only one man, but if I was free and had my rifle I'd shoot or kill every man between here and Washington county or Sandersville."

However, he has been making great preparations for death for weeks past, praying and reading his bible, and has been saying he was ready to go and fully prepared to die.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
August 13, 1891

LOCAL

Miss Mary Cumming, of Warrenton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Kelley.

Note:
Mary Cumming is the half-sister of Effie (A.K.A. Mrs. G. W. Kelley).

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
September 10, 1891

MINUTES OF SANITAY COMMITTEE

August 7th, 1891.

Committee met and organized by electing W. L. Phillips, Esqr., Chairman and W. W. Abbot Secretary. Special reports were made to the Committee as follows:

The condition of Dr. Wright's and W. Hall's lot; also to the garbage being thrown into the large bunch of cactus back of the Hunter lot.

Motion made and carried that we recommend the Board of Commissioners to take immediate and decisive steps to stop the gulleys back of the stores being used as a dumping ground for the town, and as a public privy, and that they select a place back of the gulano houses at the depot for a public dumping ground, and provide the town with a cart to take all garbage to that place.

The committee then took a general inspection of the town and we respectfully recommend that the Board of Commissioners have as soon as practicable all straw removed from all the lots in town where water stands, and pass an ordinance prohibiting anybody from raising manure either in their horse or cow lot using straw or litter of any kind. We further recommend that the Board's immediate attention be called to the following lots and that the owners be required to remove all litter and drain and haul in sand or dust at once: S. M. Clark's, L. R. Farmer's, Jas F. Brown's, Geo. W. Kelley's, G. H. Harrell's, W. Hall's, J. C. Little's, Dr. Geo. W. Kelley's, Dr. Wright's, A. N. Beach's, (lot and pig-pen), J. M. Lutes side walk, and Mrs. M. A. Kelley's back-yard. Also W. W. Abbot be required to remove straw from his lot. We also recommend that the Board require the Marshal to make a general inspection of all the Privies in town at least once a month. Also that Mrs. Carswell and R. L. Farmer be required to fill up the old well between their lots.

We earnestly request that every good citizen will co operate with this Committee and the Board of Commissioners in getting our town in a more cleanly condition and keeping it so, which is so very essential to the health of the citizens.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. PHILLIPS, Chairman,
W. W. ABBOT, Scty of com.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
October 1, 1891

JEFFERSON CO., FAIR
Oct., 28, 29, 30.

IT WILL BE COMPLETTED.

Last week we stated that \$1500 were needed to complete and equip the Academy, and gave the plan by which the money was to be raised, namely by voluntary taxation. But the school trustees held another meeting, and on motion of Mr. F. A. Sinquefield, it was determined to try to raise the amount by voluntary subscription. In a few minutes over \$600 were subscribed; by night the list footed up \$1230. There are many yet in town who have not given anything, who we hope will do their duty. And some, we trust, will add to their subscription.

At any rate the completion of the Academy is an assured fact, and all who have aided in the work, will be proven that they helped.

Most of the people responded cheerfully and liberally, and they will see that the balance is forthcoming. Work on the Academy is progressing rapidly, and hope to see the school in it by the middle of November.

We give the names and amounts as shown by the list:

F. A. Sinquefield, \$100.00

S. M. Clark,	\$100.00
R. L. Gamble, Jr,	\$50.00
Edward Hunter,	\$50.00
J. G. Cain,	\$50.00
G. W. Kelley,	\$50.00
J. W. White,	\$50.00
I. F. Farmer,	\$20.00
L. R. Farmer,	\$50.00
L. D. Johnson,	\$25.00
J. C. Little,	\$100.00
Wm. Fleming,	\$10.00
A. N. Beach,	\$25.00
Jas. F. Brown,	\$50.00
Jno. G. Stapleton,	\$10.00
Mrs. S. A. Hunter,	\$25.00
M. G. Gamble,	\$25.00
T. F. Caulk,	\$10.00
W. D. Rivers,	\$10.00
J. D. Wright,	\$25.00
E. J. Hudson,	\$5.00
Geo. W. Kelley, M. D.,	\$10.00
J. J. Keith,	\$10.00
Pierce Hubert,	\$5.00
J. M. G. Scruggs,	\$1.00
M. R. Bowling,	\$5.00
G. W. McKinzie	\$5.00
T. B. Preskitt,	\$10.00
Abbot & Stone,	\$50.00
W. L. Phillips,	\$50.00
Mrs. E. A. Watkins,	\$5.00
J. H. Polhill,	\$50.00
L. Henderson,	\$10.00
Mrs. M. D. Lowry,	\$25.00
Miss Julia A. W. Bostick,	\$10.00
Miss Julia M. Dixon,	\$25.00
A. R. Aldred,	\$5.00
A. A. Chance,	\$5.00
J. M. Carswell,	\$1.00
A. F. McNeely,	\$1.00
E. N. Writie,	\$5.00
W. E. Cain,	\$2.50
R. L. Lockhart,	\$2.00
J. W. Beach,	\$2.50
W. P. Lowry,	\$25.00
G. W. Stevenson,	\$10.00
G. J. McDaniel,	\$2.50
M. E. Clark,	\$2.50
M. W. Rhodes,	\$5.00
J. P. Chance,	\$2.00
R. L. Farmer,	\$20.00
R. H. Watkins,	\$5.00
G. H. Harrell,	\$10.00
W. W. Rhodes,	\$5.00
R. A. Diehl,	\$2.50
A. C. Keith,	\$5.00

Anyone wishing to contribute will find Mess. S. M. Clark, Edward Hunter and L. R. Farmer, the committee, ready and waiting to receive the gift. Don't let them wait too long and in vain. We hope to be able to publish more names next week.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
October 8, 1891

LOCAL

Dr. G. W. Kelley will begin in a few days to build a nice dwelling, it will be on the street next to Gordon row.

SPECTIAL PREMIUMS.

The Fair Association has done its part well by offering nearly \$1,000 in premiums, and now we call upon the citizens of the county to do their part by offering special premiums. Get a list and see what articles premiums are already offered for, and offer one on something else. Send us in your name, amount and the article and we will take pleasure in publishing it in the lest we will keep up till the Fair is over. The merchants of Louisville should offer at least \$100 in premiums.

The following are already offered;

Wm. Little, for best girl rider under 16, (in gold) - \$10.00
J. W. White, for best boy rider under 16, - \$5.00
R. L. Farmer, agent Savannah Guano Co., for largest yield cotton on acre manured with Savannah Guano Co's guano, - \$25.00
P. L. Gamble, for best wrestler 3in 5 talls - \$5.00
Chas. Allen, for slowest mule in pace, he select drivers - \$5.00
W. A. Stone, for fastest runner - \$5.00
L. R. Farmer, for fastest ox race - \$5.00
Little & Bethea, for best pair mules owned by one man - \$5.00
Beach & Farmer, best made dress on White or New Home Sewing Machine - \$5.00
Capt. W. A. Willie, J. C. Little, Dr. G. W. Kelley each \$5 for riding Tournament - \$10 1st prize, \$5 2nd prize, and coonskin cap to hindmost man. Immediately follows a Gander Pulling, and \$5 to one pulling off head.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
February 18, 1892

LOCAL

Dr. G. W. Kelley has had an attack of rheumatism, but is out again.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
August 11, 1892

LOCAL

Dr. G. W. Kelley has commenced work again on his dwelling, and will complete it shortly.

Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
September 10, 1892

Democratic Appointments.

GAINESVILLE, Fla., September 6. – Hon. John B. Dell, Dr. J. L. Kelley, Hon. J. C. Gardner, county candidates, and other distinguish speakers will address the people at the time and places following:

Osceola Sept. 10
Newnansville ... Sept. 12
LaCrosse Sept. 13
Hague Sept. 14
Waldo Sept. 15
Melrose Sept. 16
Windsor Sept. 17
Micanopy Sept. 20
Archer Sept. 21
Arredondo Sept. 22
Jonesville Sept. 23
Trenton Sept. 26
Yuler Sept. 27
Cow Creek Sept. 28
High Springs ... Sept. 29

By order, E. C. F. Sanchez, Chairman.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
October 6, 1892

LOCAL

Miss Alice Cumming is visiting the family of Dr. G. W. Kelley.

Newspaper: The Morning News
Savannah, Georgia
November 1, 1892

SHOT HIS WIFE'S SISTER.

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THEN THE CRAZY MAN THREW HIS LITTLE GIRL INTO A WELL.

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The Woman Wounded in Three Places, But Will Recover – The Child Saved From Drowning by Men Attracted to the Scene by the Shooting – The Man to Be Sent to Milledgeville.

LOUISVILLE, GA., Oct. 31. – Dr. George W. Kelley, a highly respectable and respected physician who moved here from Warrenton about three years ago, and who has built up a large practices among leading citizens, suddenly became deranged Saturday morning about 10 o'clock and shot his wife's sister, inflicting serious wounds in three places; and threw his little girl, a child about 9 years of age, into the well.

Dr. Kelley, his wife, who is very frail and delicate, her sister, Alice, who is attending Mrs. Kelley and their six children, were altogether talking pleasantly in the breakfast room after breakfast, when Dr. Kelley took the children with him to see how the workmen were getting along with a new dwelling house he was having put up, and which is over half finished. A short time afterward Mrs. Kelley told her sister that something was the matter with the children, saying, "I hear them crying, and I didn't like the doctor's looks all the morning." The sister went up to the new building, when it is supposed, Dr. Kelley, fancying she came to take the children from him, drew his revolver and shot her, the first ball hitting her in the chin, when she turned and ran through the window opening onto the piazza.

A SECOND SHOT.

As she passed the angle of the window a shot struck her under the shoulder at the back. She jumped to the ground and crawled, as she said, under the house to die, but, regaining courage, she came out and ran across the street to John Whigham's, whose wife and several neighbors, hearing the shot, had run out, and were just in time to catch and hold the poor young lady from falling at their gate. She was carried into Mr. Whigham's house and medical attention summoned.

In the meantime, after the doctor saw that his sister-in-law had escaped him, he turned his attention to the children, and, catching up one of his little girls, a pretty little miss aged about 9 years, held her over and dropped her into the well. The child caught hold of the well rope and curbing and called: "Papa, papa please don't put me in the well." But the crazy man unloosed her hold and she dropped to the bottom, 40 or 45 feet.

By this time some men arrived and disarmed the maniac and going to the well found the little girl up to her neck in the water still holding on to the rope. One of the gentlemen told her to hold tight and he would draw her out, which she did.

All this time the poor distracted mother was at her window and witnessed the whole tragedy, but was too weak to stir.

SENT TO MILLEDGEVILLE

Dr. Kelley was bound with ropes and convoyed to one of the iron cells in the jail, and after a short time was taken from there to the court house, tried before twelve men and sent to Milledgeville as insane. It is said that he talked rationally, stating that he knew that he had shot Alice, that he aimed at her heart, and said: "I didn't miss it more than an inch or two," which was the case. He had no ill will against her, indeed he rather loved her for the devoted attention she had given to his wife and children whom he really loved and idolized. Some people attribute it to whisky, but Dr. Kelley has not been seen under the influence of whisky for over two years. About two years ago he had a severe attack, and at that time swore off from ever touching intoxicating liquors, and it is believed he kept his word. Others say it was religious excitement. Dr. Kelley married a daughter of Rev. J. Cummings of Warrenton, whose younger, daughter (the one shot) Miss Alice, was nursing her sister, Mrs. Kelley, in her illness.

**Newspaper: The State
Columbia, South Carolina
November 1, 1892**

UNDOUBTEDLY A LUNATIC

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Threw His Daughter Into a Well and Shot and Killed His Sister-in-law

MACON, GA., Oct. 31. - At Louisville, Ga., a town near here, this morning, Dr. G. W. Kelley, a prominent physician, threw his eight-year-old daughter into a well, intending to drown her, and then shot and killed his sister-in-law, who tried to prevent the perpetration of the crime.

For some time past Kelley has been in a nervous condition, due to religious excitement, and has hinted at the necessity of taking the life of those who were dearest to him in order that he might preserve them from the evils of the world.

This morning, after the commission of the crime, and while his sister-in-law lay dying in the room, he asserted that God had called him in his sleep to take the life of his child and sister-in-law. He appeared perfectly sane and rational at times, but then would break out in hysterical cries, appealing to those around him to know if he had not done the right thing.

He appears to be sorry that the child's life was saved. Only its cries while in the well attracted the attention of the crowd of neighbors.

The excitement is intense. The only thing that saved Kelley from lynching is that the doctors say that he is undoubtedly a lunatic.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
November 3, 1892

An Awful Tragedy

Our community was greatly shocked on Sunday at hearing of an awful tragedy that occurred in Louisville on Saturday.

Dr. Geo. W. Kelley, who was partly reared in Sandersville, now a prominent physician of Louisville, shot his wife's sister, Miss Alice Cumming, about 10 o'clock on Saturday, and threw his little 9 year old daughter into the well. Mrs. Kelley heard the crying of her daughter, as she plead not to be thrown into the well, and Miss Alice coming up, the Doctor shot at her, the ball striking her on the chin. She turned and ran through the window opening on the piazza, when the Doctor shot her under the shoulder near the back. Her wounds were thought to be fatal, and indeed she was reported to be dead on Tuesday, but it is now thought she may recover.

The cries of the little daughter attracted the attention of some men, who told her to cling to the rope, and they drew her safely out.

Dr. Kelley was at once arrested and tried for lunacy, and being adjudged a lunatic, he was carried off on Saturday night and placed in the asylum in Milledgeville.

The unfortunate man is said to have been greatly addicted to whisky, but had been using morphine freely for some time past. He claimed that God had told him to kill his daughter and his sister-in-law to save their souls.

Dr. Kelley was the son of an old and much esteemed former citizen of Sandersville, Mr. Geo. W. Kelley, now of Florida. The young Doctor was of good family, of pleasing address, with bright prospects for success but for the destroyer of so many homes, the curse of whisky.

Miss Alice Cumming is the estimable daughter of Rev. T. J. Cumming so long a beloved Pastor of various Baptist churches in this county. She has made many friends as a good and faithful teacher in this county and the tragic ordeal through which she is passing, is deeply deplored by all.

The Herald joins with her numerous friends in the sincere wish, that she may soon recover from her serious injuries.

Newspaper: The True Citizen
Waynesboro, Georgia
November 5, 1892

FEARFUL ACT OF A CRAZY MAN

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Shot His Wife's Sister and Then Threw His Little Girl Into a Well

LOUISVILLE, GA., Oct. 31. - Dr. George W. Kelley, a highly respected physician who moved here from Warrenton about three years ago, and who has build up a large practice among leading citizens, suddenly became deranged Saturday morning about 10 o'clock and shot his wife's sister, inflicting serious wounds in three places, and threw his little girl, a child about 9 years of age, into the well.

Dr. Kelley, his wife, who is very frail and delicate, her sister, Alice, who is attending Mrs. Kelley and their six children, were altogether talking pleasantly in the breakfast room after breakfast, when Dr. Kelley took the children with him to see how the workmen were getting along with a new dwelling house he was having put up, and which is over half finished. A short time afterward Mrs. Kelley told her sister that something was the matter with the children, saying, "I hear them crying, and I didn't like the doctor's looks all the morning." The sister went up to the

new building, when, it is supposed, Dr. Kelley, fancying she came to take the children from him, drew his revolver and shot her, the first ball hitting her in the chin, when she turned and ran through the window opening onto the piazza.

As she passed the angle of the window a shot struck her under the shoulder at the back. She jumped to the ground and crawled, as she said, under the house to die, but regaining courage she came out and ran across the street to John Whigham's, whose wife and several neighbors, hearing the shot, had run out, and were just in time to catch and hold the poor young lady from falling at their gate. She was carried into Mr. Whigham's house and medical attention summoned.

In the meantime, after the doctor was that his sister-in-law had escaped him, he turned his attention to the children, and, catching up one of his little girls, a pretty little miss aged about nine years, held her over and dropped her into the well. The child caught hold of the well rope and curbing and called: "Papa, papa please don't put me in the well." But the crazy man loosened her hold and she dropped to the bottom, 40 or 45 feet.

By this time some men arrived and disarmed the maniac and going to the well found the little girl up to her neck in water still holding on to the rope. One of the gentlemen told her to hold tight and he would draw her out, which she did. All this time the poor, distracted mother was at her window and witnessed the whole tragedy, but was too weak to stir.

Dr. Kelley was bound with ropes and conveyed to one of the iron cells of the jail, and after a short time was taken from there to the courthouse, tried before twelve men, and sent to Milledgeville as insane. It is said that he talked rationally, stating that he knew he had shot Alice, that he aimed at her heart, and said: "I didn't miss it more than an inch or two," which was the case. He had no ill will against her, indeed he rather loved her for the devoted attention she had given to his wife and children whom he really loved and idolized. Some people attribute it to whisky, but Dr. Kelley has not been seen under the influence of whisky for over two years. About two years ago he had a severe attack, and at that time swore off from ever touching intoxicating liquors, and it is believed he kept his word. Others say it was religious excitement, Dr. Kelley married a daughter of Rev. J. Cummings, of Warrenton, whose younger daughter (the one shot) Miss Alice, was nursing her sister, Mrs. Kelley, in her illness.

**Newspaper: The Weekly Banner
Athens, Georgia
November 8, 1892**

SAYS GOD TOLD HIM

To Drown His Little Children and Shoot His Sister-in-law.

MACON, Ga., Nov. 1 – Louisville, Ga, was thrown into fever of excitement Saturday morning by the announcement that Dr. G. W. Kelley, one of the most prominent physicians of the county, had become insane and had attempted to kill his little eight-year-old girl by throwing her in a forty-foot well and had shot his sister-in-law for interfering.

The affair is sad and most shocking, both on account of his prominence as a physician and because of the high esteem in which he has heretofore been held.

It seems that Dr. Kelley has for some time been suffering from mental aberration and religious fanaticism.

His friends and relatives have noticed his condition, but thought it nothing unusual, as he was given to such spells heretofore and harmless. His insanity culminated on Saturday in his attempting the horrible deed that God had commanded him to kill his family to save their souls. He said God had told him that unless he killed his wife and children their souls would be lost, that he felt he was doing an act for which he would be justified in heaven. He laughed while talking of the affair and seemed disappointed that his horrible design had been frustrated.

Owing to the urgency of the case he was given a speedy trial and taken at once to the asylum on the night train by Sheriff W. W. Rhodes and Mr. I. F. Farmer.

Sheriff Rhodes and Mr. Farmer, after fulfilling their sad mission, stopped over in this city. They say that excitement runs high in Louisville, and the community is greatly stirred up over the horrible affair. The unfortunate woman whom he shot is in a critical condition, and will probably die, but the attending physicians say there is a chance for her recovery. The wounds are of a serious nature. The first ball entered her chin and came out at the back of her neck. The second shot took effect near the spine, ranging upwards, lodging near the hip. When the unfortunate sister-in-law first realized the extent of Dr. Kelley's madness he had already thrown his little daughter in the well. With a scream she rushed forward and tried to prevent his murderous intent. At this he drew his revolver and fired. She ran into the house followed by the infuriated father. Seeing no other way to escape she leaped from a window. As she did so he fired the second time and struck her in the back.

Her screams attracted the neighbors, and after a fearful struggle the would be infanticide and murderer was overcome. In the meantime the piteous wails of the child in the well attracted the crowd to that point. By what seemed a miracle, she had not sunk beneath the water. After a number of attempts the bucket was lowered sufficiently for the child to get into it. Standing knee-deep in the water which was in the bucket and clinging to the rope, she was drawn to the top. The child is ill from the effects of the fright, and her condition is said to be critical.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
February 2, 1893

LOCAL

Dr. G. W. Kelley visited Gibson last week.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
March 23, 1893

SILVER WEDDING AT WINDSOR FLA.

Capt. And Mrs. G. W. Kelley Entertain a Number of Friends.

The HERALD reproduces from the Gainesville, Fla., Sun, the following interesting account of the silver wedding of two of Washington county's well remembered and esteemed former residents, Mr. And Mrs. Geo. W. Kelley. The account will be remembered with pleasure by their many friends and relatives in this county.

Windsor, March 7. - Capt. And Mrs. G. W. Kelley celebrated their silver wedding last Saturday evening at their residence, which had been handsomely refurnished for the occasion. By half past eight o'clock, the house was brilliantly illuminated and Green street was thronged with vehicles and pedestrians. When the clock chimed nine, the merriment had begun. Amid sweet music and merry laughter, the supper bell reminded the gay party that there was something else in store for them besides their pleasures.

Capt. And Mrs. Kelley, followed by their guests, led the way to the spacious dining-room, where a sumptuous feast was most daintily served by the charming Mrs. J. L. Kelley and the beautiful Misses Belle and Viola Kelley. The delicious salads, fruits, cakes, ice cream, etc., were immensely enjoyed by all.

A large number of friends and relatives were present.

There were many handsome and costly silver presents, among which were a handsome tea set and beautiful service, mustard spoon, double pickle castor, butter dish, water service, sugar shell, soup ladle, berry bowl, lamp, butter pick, paper weight thimble and two pairs of napkin rings.

We wish to compliment Miss Corinne, the eldest daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Kelley, for her charming manner of entertainment.

We trust that twenty-five years hence this genial couple may as happily celebrate their golden wedding.

**Newspaper: The Morning News
Savannah, Georgia
March 28, 1893**

LOUISVILLE LOCALS.

The New Bank – The New Artesian Well – A Death.

LOUISVILLE, GA., March 27. –

... The mayor, George W. Kelley, deserves great credit for his pluck and push in bringing to a near finish the digging or boring of an artesian well. He carried round a subscription list himself and in less than half a day had subscribed almost enough to have the work done. The well will be bored on Broad street near the center of business.

Notes:

This is the cousin of my great-great-grandfather (Dr. George Washington Kelley). There was other stories along with this, but my focus is on the mayor, George W. Kelley.

**Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
March 30, 1893**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ROADS AND REVENUE.

Louisville, Ga., March 16, 1893.

The board met according to the call of the chairman W. W. Rhodes. All the members present. The object of the meeting was to consider plans and propositions for an iron bridge over the river at Seven bridges submitted by Mr. Crofts of Atlanta. The board after careful investigation decided to make no change in bridge building.

It was reported to the board that unfavorable comment had been made upon the condition of the county jail. A committee consisting of A. S. Smith, W. R. Harvey, W. J. Wien and W. W. Rhodes visited the jail with the view of examining its condition, the care and comfort of the prisoners &c. The committee reported as follows:

“We report that we are agreeably disappointed, and will say that while it can be improved by repairing the water works, yet in its present condition we consider the jail in as neat condition as could be expected, and we hereby authorize J. F. Brown and I. F. Farmer to take this matter of repair of the jail and water works and such other repairs as are necessary, and have same done as soon as practicable. We also find some few of the prisoners badly clothed, and recommend that the sheriff purchase for such prisoners as are so destitute such clothing as is necessary.”


The following bills were audited and drafts drawn on treasurer for same:

322 Little & Bethea, hack taking Dr. Kelley to R. R., on way to asylum,	\$4.00
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Note:

There was a list of things in these minutes. My focus is in the person of my interest, Doctor George Washington Kelley. To keep in mind, is the date of this news story is off. The taking of Dr. George Kelley to the asylum was months prior before this was printed.

DR. G. W. KELLEY,
Physician and Surgeon,
LOUISVILLE, GEORGIA.

 **All calls promptly answered.**

The above clip is an example of placement ads that Dr. George Washington Kelley posted in the newspaper "The News and Farmer" around 1893.

Newspaper: Macon Weekly Telegraph, published as The Weekly Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
June 15, 1893

Killed by a Kick

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Terrible Death of a Bright Little Boy at Gibson

Gibson, June 14. - (Special) - Yesterday evening the town has a sad calamity caused by little Carl Logan being kicked by a horse belonging to Dr. T. J. M. Kelley. It seems that Carl went to the barn to water the horse, but whether he was trying to bridle the horse or not it is not known. Dr. J. L. Kelley of Florida and Mr. Robert Avera were walking in the street near the barn and heard a noise like a board broken, and saw the horse run out of the barn and then back into it, and Mr. Avera looked in the barn and saw the boy lying in the door, when he called to Dr. Kelley and told him that there was a boy killed. The doctor went in at once and found one side of the boy's skull crushed and his jawbone broken. Dr. Kelley rendered all the assistance he could, but the child died in about thirty-five minutes. Carl Logan was the son of Judge Henry Logan of this county, who died a few years ago. Carl was about 12 years old. Having neither father nor mother, he lived with his brother-in-law, Dr. T. J. M. Kelley. He was the pet of the whole town, being very smart for his age and a bright boy.

Newspaper: Macon Weekly Telegraph, published as The Weekly Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
September 11, 1893

Shooting at Louisville

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A Young Boy Accidentally Wounded by His Friends

Louisville, September 5. - (Special) - An unfortunate and nearly fatal accident occurred here Saturday night. It seems that Master George Harrell, Eldest son of G. H. Harrell, went to the bank. Where he is assistant cashier, Saturday evening about dark to light the lamp, which is kept burning all night. Leaving the bank after seeing that all was right about it, he walked down the street and met Mr. John Grubbs, superintendent of streets and drains. When they reached the store of Maxey Cohen they stopped. George was showing Mr. Grubbs a new Smith & Wesson pistol. Grubbs took the pistol in his hand, drew from it the cartridges and laid them on the counter. After admiring it, he gave it back to George and stooped down to pick up his cane, which he had dropped on the floor. At that moment, Eddie Stevenson, a boy 15 years of age, came into the store, and as John Grubbs raised up the pistol in the hands of John Harrel went off, the burning powder striking Grubbs on the cheek. Grubbs imagined he was shot, clapped his hands to his face and exclaimed: "Oh, my God, I'm shot." At that moment he heard Max Cohen exclaim, "Good God, Eddie is killed." and turning around saw Eddie Stevenson lying on the floor unconscious and George Harrel terribly excited, saying, "What will I do: oh, my God! My God! I've killed him!" Grubbs told him to run for a doctor, and just at that moment, Mr. G. W. Stevenson, who was coming up the street on his way home. Hearing the report hurried in and was thunderstruck to see his boy lying on the floor unconscious. Kneeling down he tried to arouse him, and failing in this, he and Mr. Grubbs carried Eddie to the drug store, where, after a few moments, four physicians came in. They found that the ball had entered directly above the left eye and in all probability gone into the brain. They said he could hardly live over an hour.

Mr. Stevenson left to go home, six or seven blocks away, to prepare his wife for the sad news. He had not left the drug store two minutes when Dr. Kelley thought he heard the boy trying to speak, and kneeling down to him, heard him say he wanted to turn on his side, which was done, and Dr. Kelley dispatched Mr. Ike Farmer on his bicycle after the father to bring him back, as consciousness by the time Mr. Stevenson got back, though it was not much over ten minutes. A litter was fixed up and the boy carried home. Dr. Kelley, after examining the wound more closely, discovered that the ball had not entered the brain, but had deflected and gone around under the skin to the right side of the head, where a slight protuberance denoted where the ball had lodged. Dr. Kelley remained at his side all night and had the satisfaction of seeing his patient return to consciousness before day and recognizing his father and doctor by name.

Dr. Kelley says that with good nursing there is no danger and that he will come around all right.

The accident was a great shock to the community as both are very good boys and liked by every one who knows them. Great sympathy is felt for the members of both families, who stand well in this community.

Newspaper: The Macon Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
September 15, 1893

Dr. George W. Kelley and Deputy Sheriff Ike Farmer of Louisville, Ga., passed through Macon yesterday.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
February 8, 1894

TENNILLE.

Mr. S. R. Kelley we are glad to learn was better last week, His friends hope to see his health soon re-established. His son Dr. Kelley, who spent several days with him returned last week to his home at Jackson.

Newspaper: The Morning News
Savannah, Georgia
June 19, 1894

GEORGIA AND FLORIDA.

The News of the Two States Told in Paragraphs.

FLORIDA.

Mrs. Capt. G. W. Kelley died Saturday at her home in Windsor. She had only been sick a short time, and death came very unexpectedly.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
June 21, 1894

DIED.

Mrs. George W. Kelley after a brief illness died at her home in Windsor, Fla., on Saturday last. Mrs. Kelley was well known and greatly beloved in this county and her death will cause deep sorrow to a large circle of relatives and friends. She was a sister of Mr. N. H. Hooks of Warthen, and of Mrs. B. R. Smith of this city.

Note:

This was Sarah Jane Hooks, who married to George Washington Kelley Sr.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
September 13, 1894

PERSONAL.

Miss Viola Kelley of Windsor Fla. a daughter of Mr. Geo. W. Kelley is a pupil of the Sandersville High School.

Letter: To Governor W. J. Atkinson
Louisville, Georgia
October 15, 1894

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Kelley, George W

Washington Ga Octr 15th 1894

Governor W. J. Atkinson
Atlanta Ga

Mr. George W. Kelley of Jefferson County Georgia, will be an applicant for the position of Assistant Keeper of the Penitentiary. Mr. Kelley is well and favorably known to us, as capable, efficient, and worthy, and his appointment would be gratifying to us.

S. H. Hardeman *
F. W. Gilbert *
N. M. Reece
B. -not legible-
J. W. Binns, Ordinary, Wilkes Co. *
A. A. Barnett Clerk Supr ct W Co *
U. P. -not legible-
Jno Calkaway Sheriff of W.C. *

W. M. Sims
Wm Mynr

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Kelley, George W

Hon W. J. Atkinson
Governor
Atlanta Ga

Sir,

We the undersigned by recommend to you for appointment to the position of Assistant Keeper of the Georgia Penitentiary. Mr. George W. Kelley of Louisville Ga. In asking this appointment, we would say of him, that he has been a faithful and effective worker for the Democratic party, especially in the last election the party had no man who worked with more zeal and energy, his high moral character ability and experience in public affair fits him for this position. Oct. 15/94

T. F. Caulk Ordinary Jeff Co Ga *
F. A. Sinquefield *

R. H. Watkins Post Master *
L. R. Farmer Cashier Bank of Louisville Ga *
Abbot + Stone Gen'l Merchants *
M. W. Rhodes *
W. W. Rhodes chairman B. R. + R. Jeff Co. *
I. F. Farmer Sheriff J C *
R. P. Little mayor Town Louisville *
Wm Little *
Eugene Farmer *
T. B. Preskitt *
Phillips + Phillips Lawyers *
Frank C. Battey Savannah Ga *

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Jas. F. Brown *
F. W. Coleman Book Keeper Bank of Louisville *
J. D. _____
S. M. Clark ____ J. C. *
Little + Clark *
J. M. Johnson M. D. *
Pierce Hubert M. D. *
Beach + Lowry Gen'l Merchants *
W. D. Rivers ____ *
J. C. Little Pres ____ R. R. *
W. A. Stone ____ Campaign Comm *
W. S. Murphy Justice of the Peace Jeff. Co *
A. C. Keith Ex off JP Jefferson County *
W. Hall *
J. W. White, News + Farmer + Clerk ____ *
Geo. W. Warren Judge County -board?- *
Jos. McKennzie + Co *
Cain + Polhill atty at Law *
J. G. Cain chmr ____ Louisville academy *
Ms + stopkins
Jas Miller *
M. R. Bowling *
A. H. Wootten Atty at Law Wadley *

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Kelley, George W

Hon W. Y. Atkinson
Governor

Sir,

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Oct 20th, 1894

J. D. Boyd
Jas. S. Bosontom

Thos Nall, City - ____
W. Backs Sen. 26th Dist.
B. R. Lakely. M.D.
Wm M. Thomas Clerk Superior Ct. ____
Sam E. H. Dean, Alderman
W. B. Hudson. P. M.
E. W. Hammond Ordinary
Douglas Glessson
Jna L. Moore, M. D.
Roswell H. Drake.
T. R. Mills Chma. ____
Lloyd Cleveland, Alderman
H. Brooks ____ Spalding Co.
M. J. Patrick Sheriff Spalding Co.
J. W. Patrick Dpt. Sheriff Spalding Co.
J. M. Kelley

Notes:

The full name of the Governor is William Yates Atkinson. He was the 55th Governor of Georgia between October 27, 1894 to October 29, 1898.

**Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
November 15, 1894**

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Dr. J. Lawrence Kelley of Windsor, Fla., who has been visiting relatives in Maryland, also visited her sister, Mrs. D. L. Cheatham of this city, this week.

**Court Record: George Washington Kelley and Mary Elizabeth *Hartley* Delozier Marriage Certificate
Alachua County, Florida
February 9, 1895**

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF FLORIDA, ALACHUA COUNTY.

To any Minister of the Gospel, or other Officer Legally Authorized to Solemnize the Rite of Matrimony:

Whereas, Application having been made to the County Judge of Alachua County, of the State of Florida, for a License for Marriage, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Judge that no legal impediments exist to the marriage now sought to be solemnized, these are, therefore, to authorize you to unite in the

HOLY ESTATE OF MATRIMONY,

George W. Kelley and Mary E. Delozier

And that you make return of the same, duly certified under your hand, to the Judge of the said County aforesaid, within ten days.

WITNESS, *H. G. Mason* Judge of said County, and the Seal of said county, at the Court House in Gainesville, this *ninth* day of *February* A. D. 1895

H. G. Mason County Judge.

I Certify, That the within named persons were by me, the undersigned, duly united in the holy estate of Matrimony, by the authority of the within License.

Done this 10 th day	}	<i>J. S. Jollery</i>
Of Feb. A. D. 1895	}	<i>Notary public</i>
Recorded Feb 12... 1895	}	

Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
May 14, 1895

In Re: Estate
of
S. J. Kelley, Deceased

File No. 61
Administration Book 1, page 30
Dated May 14, 1895
Filed May 14, 1895
Application for Letters of Admin.

In County Judge's Office, Alachua County, Florida

Petition of Geo. W. Kelley respectfully shows to the Court that S. J. Kelley, late of Alachua County, Florida, departed this life on June 16, 1894, leaving goods, chattels and credits in said County, and that said deceased died intestate leaving heirs and legal representatives as follows, to-wit:

Geo. W. Kelley, husband
L. C. Kelley, daughter
L. P. Kelley, daughter
Viola Kelley, daughter
Lee Kelley, son

Petitioner would further show that there has been no administration upon said Estate, and that he is the surviving husband of said deceased and as such is entitled under the laws of this State to administer upon said Estate. Petitioner prays that Letters of Administration may be granted him upon said Estate in accordance with the law. And your petitioner will ever pray.
Signed: Geo. W. Kelley

Upon reading and considering the foregoing petition, and it appearing that the facts set forth in said petition are true and that the said petitioner is a fit and proper person to administer upon said Estate, and he is of right entitled to such administration. It is hereby Ordered that Letters of Administration upon said Estate do issue to him, the said Geo. W. Kelley, in accordance with the requirements of the law and that he be required to give bond in the sum of \$1200.00 as such Administrator, conditioned as the law directs.

Signed: H. G. Mason, County Judge

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Record: Abstract of Title

Alachua County, Florida
May 14, 1895

In Re: Estate
of
S. J. Kelley, Deceased

Administration Book 1, page 31-33
Dated May 14, 1895
Filed May 14, 1895
Letters of Administration

In County Judge's Office, Alachua County, Florida.

Oath of Administration duly taken before H. G. Mason, County Judge, and bond furnished in the sum of \$1200.00 with L. Corinne Kelley, Pauline Kelley and J. A. Rosborough as sureties.

WHEREAS, S. J. Kelley, deceased, late of this County, died intestate, having while she lived and at the time of her death divers goods, chattels and credits within the County aforesaid by means whereof the full disposition and power of granting the administration of all and singular the good, chattels and credits of said deceased, and also the final dismission from the same to the County Judge aforesaid does of right belong;

NOW THEREFORE, H. G. Mason, County Judge, desiring that the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased may be well and truly administered and legally disposed of, do hereby grant unto Geo. W. Kelley full power and authority to administer the goods, chattels and credits of the deceased which to her in her lifetime and at the time of her death did belong, and to ask, demand, sue for, recover and receive the same and to pay all debts in which the deceased stood bound so far as her assets will extend.

And the said Geo. W. Kelley having given bond and security and taken the oath and performed all other acts required by law he is by these presents appointed Administrator as aforesaid.

Signed: H. G. Mason, county Judge SEAL

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Newspaper: The Morning News
Savannah, Georgia
March 14, 1896

Louisville Local Notes.

Louisville, Ga., March 13. – Mrs. Effie Kelley, wife of Dr. G. W. Kelley, died here Sunday. The funeral was one of the largest attended for many years.

Notes:

Well, for a long time I had wondered if I would ever find the exact date of Effie Kelley (daughter of Thomas Jefferson Cumming) death. This was found in GenealogyBank.com.

Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida

July 6, 1896

George W. Kelley and wife Mary E. Kelley of Alachua County, State of Florida
To
E. M. Munsinger of the County of Alachua State of Florida

Deed Book 46, page 346
Dated July 6th, 1896
Filed November 28, 1896
Warranty Deed for \$20.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:

Bounded on the West by Green Street, on the South by Main Street and on the North and East by lots of Mrs. E. M. Munsinger fronting on Green Street (35 ft) thirty five feet, and running back (50 ft) fifty feet, and situated in the town of Windsor.

Signed: Geo W. Kelley (SEAL)
Mary E. Kelley (SEAL)
In the presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledged with release of dower by wife under separate examination using regular statutory words before C. A. W. Thomas, J. P., Alachua County, State of Florida. As to release of dower, seal recited but not shown. Seal shown as to husband and wife acknowledgment.

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Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
March 4, 1897

LOCAL

Miss Julia Waters is visiting the family of Dr. G. W. Kelley.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
May 13, 1897

MINUTES COUNTY BOARD

Louisville, Ga., May 4th, 1897.

The Board met in regular session, all the members present except W. J. Wren.

The minutes of last meeting read, approved and ordered recorded.

The committee appointed at last meeting viz Messrs. Wm. Little and S. F. Tarver to confer with Messrs Evan & Donovan in an effort to settle the claim of Chatham county for expenses of Jeff Gilmore unable to make a settlement with Mr. Evans.

The resignation of E. Hutchins, as night guard was tendered to the board and resignation was accepted.

Reuben Wright col., made application to the Board to be admitted to the Pauper Farm, and was accepted.

Mr. Stephen Rosier, made application to the Pauper Farm, but on account of his drawing a pension from the state, the application was refused.

E. Hutchins having resigned as a night guard of chain gang. Mr. Jno. Hewitt was elected to fill the vacancy at same salary as his predecessor, viz \$10.00 per month.

The petition of A. J. Hall, A. J. Cadle, J. T. B. Moore, S. C. Evans and others asking that a public road be opened leading from the "Big Gate" at the Cunningham place to Cunningham ford on Rocky creek, received.

The following committee were appointed to look into the advisability and utility of the proposed new road. J. T. B. Moore, W. C. Hauser and Jno. S. Bedingfeld.

T. H. Warren, N. P. and J. P., asked to be allowed the use of the small office in the Lobby of the courthouse as an office. The request granted.

The following bills were audited and drafts drawn on the Treasurer for same.

598 G. W. Kelley, medical attention to Charlie Evans convict, \$32.00

There being no other business, the forgoing minutes were read, approved and ordered recorded. The Board then adjourned to first Tuesday in June, 1897.

Wm Little, Chairmen.
Jas F. Brown, Clerk.

Note:

There was a list of things in these minutes. My focus is in the person of my interest, Doctor George Washington Kelley.

Newspaper: News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
October 21, 1897

OBITUARY.

Effie, little daughter of Dr. G. W. Kelley, died Thursday Oct. 21st, 1897, age 21 months. She died of Cholera infantum. The remains were interred in the cemetery at this place.

The bereaved family has the sympathy of their friends.

Note:

This little daughter mentioned in the obituary was the daughter of Dr. George Washington Kelley and Effie *Cumming* Kelley. I couldn't understand why she was named Effie, because she does have a much older sister that had the name Ethel. Judging the age of Effie at the death of 21 months, this means that she was born around January 1896. This means that her mother (Effie) gave birth to her before her mother died around March 1896. Now the question remains, did Effie died giving birth to her daughter with pregnancy complications?

Record: Court File Inventories and Appraisements
Jefferson County, Georgia
December 6, 1897

Effie Kelley
Georgia
Jefferson County

To the Ordinary of said County

The petition of Dr. G. W. Kelley respectfully sheweth that Mrs. Effie Kelley resident of said County, departed this life on (not written) leaving your petitioner as her next of kin, and also leaving a large Estate of real and personal property worth the sum of one thousand Dollars and at the time of her death the said Effie Kelley was entirely intestate, as your petitioner believes and here alleges, wherefore he prays the usual citation in such cases to issue in order that he may obtain permanent letters of Administration on Effie Kelley's Estate. And your petitioner will ever pray.

This December 6, 1897

Dr. G. W. Kelley

Jefferson Court of Ordinary Dec. Term Dec. 6th, 1897

The above petition of Dr. G. W. Kelley that he may obtain Letters of Administration having been read and considered by me. Ordered that the usual citation issue.

A. H. Wootten Ordinary

To All Whom It May Concern,

Dr. G. W. Kelley having in proper form applied to me for permanent Letters of Administration on the Estate of Effie Kelley late of said County deceased this is to cite all and singular the creditors and next of kin of Effie Kelley to be and appear at my office within the time allowed by law and show cause if any they can. Why permanent Administration should not be granted to Dr. G. W. Kelley on Effie Kelley's Estate.

Witness my hand and official signature this 6th day of December 1897.

A. H. Wootten, Ordinary

Jefferson Court of Ordinary Jany Term 1898 citation having been duly issued and published, requiring all and singular the next of kin and creditors of Mrs. Effie Kelley deceased late of said County to appear at this term and show cause if any they could why Permanent Letters of Administration should not be granted to Dr. G. W. Kelley of said County and that the Parties so cited making no valid objections in the premises. It is ordered by the Court that letters of Administration issue to Dr. G. W. Kelley as Administrator of Mrs. Effie Kelley upon his giving bond and security in the sum of Two thousand Dollars and taking the usual office. It is further ordered that Dr. G. W. Kelley be allowed to give bond in vacation.

A. H. Wootten, Ordinary

Notes:

This is from the Court logbook: Inventories and appraisements 1865-1923 vol A-C Jefferson Co Effie Kelley pages 352-353. This was all handwritten.

**Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
December 30, 1897**

Louisville, Ga., December 30th. 1897.

Entered at Post-Office at Louisville, Georgia, as second class matter.

Owing to our office being badly damaged by fire, we can only get out this week a sheet containing the legal notices.

Legal Notice.

GEORGIA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

- Whereas, Dr. G. W. Kelley has applied to the undersigned for letters of administration on the estate of Effie Kelley, late of said county deceased.

These are therefore to notify all persons concerned that I will pass upon said application at my office on the FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY 1898

A. H. WOOTTEN, Ordy, J. C.

Notes:

The legal notice here mentioning Effie Kelley, the wife of George Washington Kelley was printed few other times. As for the fire in a post-office, I need to research to what effect.

In one of the ads of the News and Famer's newspaper dated January 20, 1898 printed.

"Having lost three weeks time by the fire, we got behind with our job work, and we ask our friends to wait patiently for their work." And "We have 50,000 envelopes that we will sell cheap. The boxes got broken up in the fire, and we want to buy new goods. They are all right and going at a bargain."

Record: Court File Letter of Administration
Jefferson County, Georgia
January 3, 1898

GEORGIA, JEFFERSON COUNTY

TO THE ORDINARY OF SAID COUNTY

The petition of *Dr. G. W. Kelley* respectfully sheweth that *Mrs. Effie Kelley*, resident of said County, departed this life on the (left blank) day of (left blank), leaving your petitioner as his next of kin, and also leaving a large estate of real and personal property, worth the sum of *One Thousand* Dollars, and at the time of *her* death the said *Effie Kelley* was entirely intestate, as your petitioner believes and hereby alleges. Wherefore, he prays the usual citation in such cases to issue, in order that he may obtain Permanent Letters of Administration on *Mrs. Effie Kelley estate*, and your petitioner will ever pray.

Dec 7th, 1897

Geo W. Kelley M.D.

Jefferson Court of Ordinary, *Dec Term Dec. 6, 1897*

The above petition of *G. W. Kelley M.D.* that *he* may obtain Letters of Administration having been read and considered by me, ordered that the usual citation issue.

A. H. Wootten, Ordinary

GEORGIA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Dr. G. W. Kelley having, in proper form, applied to me for Permanent Letters of Administration on the estate of *Effie Kelley*, late of said County, this is to cite all and singular the creditors and next of kin of *Effie Kelley* to be and appear at my office within the time allowed by law, and show cause, if any they can, why permanent administration should not be granted to *Dr. G. W. Kelley* on *Effie Kelley's* estate.

Witness my hand and official signature, this *6* day of *Dec, 1897*

A. H. Wootten, Ordinary.

JEFFERSON COURT OF ORDINARY,

January Term, *January 3rd*, 1898

Citation having been duly issued and published, requiring all and singular next of kin and creditors of *Mrs. Effie Kelley*, deceased, late of said County, to appear at this term and show cause, if any they could, why Permanent Letters of Administration should not be granted to *Dr. G. W. Kelley*, of said County; and they, the parties so cited, making no valid objections in the premises, it is ordered by the Court that Letters of Administration issue to *Dr. G. W. Kelley* as Administrator of *Mrs. Effie Kelley*, upon *his* giving bond and security in the sum of *Two Thousand* Dollars, and taking the usual oath of office.

It is further ordered that Dr. G. W. Kelley be allowed to give bond in vacation.

A. H. Wootten, Ordinary.

Recorded *March 11*, 1898

See order revoking this order minutes filed 363

**Newspaper: The Macon Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
January 12, 1898**

To Search For Treasure

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A Pirate's Gold Buried on Cinamon Island

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Washington County Men to Form Another Expedition to Discover Bell's Bullion and Coin-Story of the First Tour to the Island.

Sandersville, Ga., Jan. 11. - There is an unpublished chapter in the history of the Washington County expeditionists, whose recent trip to Cinamon Island, off the coast of Florida, in quest of buried treasure of a departed pirate captain, attracted widespread attention on account of the prominence of the men identified with the search. I have seen and talk with one of the most prominent men of Sandersville about the very first trip that was made after Pirate Bell's million and a half of buried gold coins and bullion, and the story he tells is one that is worth giving to the public, since so much has been said about the late expedition, headed by Capt. George W. Peacock, of Tennille.

It was twenty-two years ago that Capt. I. Hermann, of this town, went with a party of a half dozen prominent Washington County people, eighty miles off Key West, Fla., to grabble in the sand of the dead pirate, who, on his death bed, left a legacy to his old friend, Mr. Miller, of Thomasville, that might seek and find it. It has already been given that a plat of the island was left as a guide to the spot where the gold was buried.

Col. E. S. Langmade, long since deceased, was for half a century a leading lawyer of Sandersville. It was he who organized the expedition that Capt. Hermann talks so interestingly of now. About the year 1875 Col. Langmade went on a visit to his son-in-law, a Mr. Kendrick, of Thomasville. There he met old man Miller, a man 70 years of age, who unfolded to him the story as it had been given to him at the death bed of Capt. Bell, the pirate captain. He said that he was too old a man to undertake the search alone, and solicited- the assistance of Col. Langmade, and the later was so much impressed by the plausibility of the story, together with the plat purporting to show the identical spot where the gold was buried, that he at once determined to see what there was in it, and upon his return to Sandersville, related what he knew to Capt. Hermann and other prominent men of the village, with the result that in a short time a party consisting of the following gentlemen was organized to go in search of the pirate's gold:

Col. E. S. Langmade, Capt. I. Hermann, G. W. Kelly (George Washington Kelley Sr.), S. Hermann, John Pitman and old man Miller.

By agreement, each member of the party put up \$25 to defray expenses, and in March 1875, they set out by rail to Key West, Fla., there chartering a schooner for six days for \$40. A voyage of a day brought them to Cinamon Island, and the hunt for the gold mine followed. Using rods ten feet long, they prodded about in the soft sand for several days trying to strike the hard Spanish coins they hoped would make them all rich.

But in vain did they prod and dig in the sands of Cinamon Island. When they got there it was discovered that the two certain trees designated in Bell's plat as between which his gold was buried, were missing. But certain rocks on the shore named in the document as the place to land, were there just as described, and taking hope from this they worked like Klondikers.

However, after two days hard work, great blisters appeared in the toilers' hands, and they abandoned the search for the more pleasurable pursuit of shooting plume birds on Bird Island, a half mile distant, and one of the chain of islands to which Cinamon belonged.

Of this trip to Bird Island Capt. Hermann talks most interestingly. The island is two miles long by three-quarters wide, he says, and is as bare of trees or herbage as Sahara. Yet he tells that plume birds were as thick there as gnats in the Okefenokee swamp and of varied sizes and hues. He showed me some plumes he secured on the trip, and they are as vari-colored as the "coat of many colors." Capt. Hermann has also a collection of shells he gathered on Bird Island, and shells of birds' eggs ornamenting the beautiful parlor of his Sandersville home that are rare and beautiful enough to attract attention in a museum of strange things.

Well, the expedition returned when their lease of the schooner expired, to Key West and back to Sandersville. It was succeeded three or four years later by an expedition made up the following men, headed by Capt. Langmade: John Pitman, Francis Kelly of Wilkes County; George and Seab Kelly, Ben Hodges, Tom Evans, Tom Brown, Kitchen Newsome, David Tanner, Prof. Grant, Mr. Cochran, Capt. George Peacock and Uncle Theodore Burns and Fed Tanner, two old ex-slaves of Col. Newsome, as cooks and servant men. The members of this expedition had to put up \$130 per capita, as they intended to spare no expense in their search for Bell's buried gold. This party was gone two weeks, but failing to locate the treasure they had to return empty handed, as those who had gone before them.

But there is yet a belief among these people that there is victory over defeat, and search for the Klondike on Cinamon Island is by no means abandoned. Indeed there is a definite movement now on foot among prominent people of Sandersville and Tennille for the ultimate upturning of this slumbering fortune in this far off island of the sea. Prominent in an effort to organize another searching party are Capt. Peacock and chief of police of Tennille, Capt. S. M. McPritchard, both of whom were members of the last memorable expedition. A fee of \$30 is required to join this party. Fifty men are wanted, and twenty-six of the required number have already joined and paid in the sum exacted. Weekly meetings are held at Tennille, and it will not be long before the party is made up. It is contemplated that the next trip to Cinamon Island will be made during next summer, or early fall.

The sincerity of these gentlemen in the purpose they avow has been questioned by some, and there are those who have gone so far as to brand the whole thing as a fake; but I have it right from the mouths of the most responsible men of Washington County that there is an abiding faith as to the real existence of Capt. Bell's million and a half of gold, and it can be depended on that the last of Cinamon Island gold hunters has not yet been heard from.

-Horace Wright.

Note:

I wanted to photocopy the paper, but it was in poor image.

**Record: Court File Inventories and Appraisements
Jefferson County, Georgia
April 4, 1898**

Effie Kelley
Georgia
Jefferson County

Court of Ordinary April Term 1898

It appearing to the Court that on the 3rd day of January 1898 at the regular January Term 1898 of this Court an order was granted appointing Dr. G. W. Kelley administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Effie Kelley, deceased upon his giving bond and security in the sum of Two thousand Dollars which bond was by order of the court allowed to be given in vacation and it further appearing that Dr. G. W. Kelley has failed to give said bond agreeable to said order in the time prescribed by law. It is therefore ordered that said within order granted at the January Term of this Court on January 3rd, 1898 granting Administration to said Dr. G. W. Kelley upon the Estate of Mrs. Effie Kelley is hereby set aside and annulled this April 4th, 1898.

A. H. Wootten, Ordinary

Notes:

This is from the Court logbook: Inventories and appraisements 1865-1923 vol A-C Jefferson Co Effie Kelley page 363. This page was all handwritten.

**Record: Court File Inventories and Appraisements
Jefferson County, Georgia
April 4, 1898**

Effie Kelley
State of Georgia
Jefferson County

To the Hon the Ordinary of Said County

The Petition of William Little of said County shows,

1st that Mrs. Effie Kelley late of said county died intestate on or about the day of March 1896 leaving an Estate of the Probable Value of one thousand Dollars.

2nd That Administration upon said Estate is necessary for the purpose of paying the debts of said deceased.

3rd That petitioner is a creditor of said deceased having and holding a note against her for the sum of \$800.00 dollars besides interest.

4th That said Estate is unrepresented and is not likely to be represented unless the ordinary shall vest the administration thereof in the county administration thereof in the County administrator.

5th Wherefore petitioner prays that the County administrator of said County L. R. Farmer, be appointed administrator of said Estate and to that end he further prays that citation giving notice of application aforesaid appointment to all concerned be issued and published as required by law.

This April 4th, 1898

J. G. Cain
R. N. Hardeman attys for Plaintiff

Ordinarys office
Jefferson County Georgia
April 4th, 1898

The above and foregoing petition of for vesting administration of the Estate of Mrs. Effie Kelley in the County Administrator read and considered and it is ordered that citation issued and be published as required by law.

A. H. Wootten, Ordinary

Georgia, Jefferson County

To all whom it may concern.

Application in due form having been made to me for the appointment of L. R. Farmer County administrator as administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Effie Kelley late of said County deceased. Notice is hereby given that I will pass upon said application on the first Monday in May 1898. Witness my hand and official signature this April 4th, 1898.

A. H. Wootten, Ordinary J.C.

Georgia
Jefferson County

In the Court of Ordinary of Said County May Term 1898

William Little having made application in due form for the appointment of L. R. Farmer the County Administrator of said county as administrator upon the Estate of Mrs. Effie Kelley late of said County declared and a citation giving notice of said application to all concerned having been duly issued and Published as required by law an no objection being filed or made known and it appearing that said application should be granted it is ordered that the said L. R. Farmer County Administrator be and he is hereby appointed administrator upon said Estate let permanent Letters of administration issue to him accordingly upon his taking the usual oath of office.

This May 2nd, 1898

A. H. Wootten, Ordinary J.C.

Georgia
Jefferson County

I do solemnly swear that Mrs. Effie Kelley deceased died intestate so far as I know or believed and that I will and Truly administer on the Estate of said disclosed and disburse the same as the law requires and discharge to the best of my ability all my duties as administrator so help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed May 2nd, 1898

A. H. Wootten Ordinary J.C.,

L. R. Farmer

Notes:

This is from the Court logbook: Inventories and Appraisements 1865-1923 vol A-C Jefferson Co Effie Kelley page 370-372. These pages were all handwritten.

This is where I was able to see when Effie Kelley died on record. According to these documents, it states that Effie was deceased in March 1896. Also, look at the obituary for Effie daughter in the newspaper dating October 21, 1897, and my notes to visualize a timeline. Effie Kelley death was mentioned in The Morning News, a Savannah newspaper dating March 14, 1896.

**Record: Court File Letter of Administration
Jefferson County, Georgia
May 2, 1898**

STATE OF GEORGIA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

The honorable the Court of Ordinary for the County and State aforesaid,

To *L. R. Farmer County Administrator*

Whereas, *Mrs. Effie Kelley*, late of the County and State aforesaid, (left blank) deceased, died intestate, having while *she* lived, and at the time of *her* death, real and personal estate within the County and State aforesaid, by means whereof the full disposition and power of granting the administration of all and singular the real and personal estate of the said deceased, and also auditing the accounts, calculations, and reckonings of the said administrations, and a final dismissal of the same, to this Court is manifestly known to belong; I desiring that the real and personal estate of the said deceased may be well and truly administered, converted, and well disposed of, do hereby grant unto the said *L. R. Farmer County Administrator* full power, by the tenor of there presents, to administer the real and personal estate of the said deceased, which to *her* in *her* lifetime, and at the time of *her* death, did belong; and to ask, levy, sue for, recover, and receive the same; and to pay the debts in which the deceased stood obligated, so far forth as *her* real and personal estate will extend, according to their rate and order of law; being first sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God to make a true and perfect inventory thereof, and to exhibit the same into the Court of Ordinary aforesaid, in order to be recorded, on or before the 4 day of *July*, 1898, next ensuing, and to render a just and true account, calculation, and reckoning of the said administration when thereunto required. And I ordain, depute, and constitute you, the said *L. R. Farmer County Admin.*, Administrator of all and singular the real and personal estate of the said deceased.

Witness the *Hon. A. H. Wootten*, Ordinary for Jefferson County, This 2nd day of May, in the year of our Lord.

Hon. A. H. Wootten, Ordinary.

Recorded *May 2nd*, 1898

**Record: Court File Inventories and Appraisements
Jefferson County, Georgia
August 1, 1898**

Effie Kelley	}	To the Hon. The Ordinary of Said County
Georgia, Jefferson County	}	

The petition of L. R. Farmer shows that he is administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Effie Kelley late of said County deceased, that said Mrs. Kelley owned as hereinafter explained a House and lot situated in the town of Louisville in said State and County which fronts on Gordan Street beginning where said lot corners on Walnut Street and extending one hundred feet, and extending back on Walnut Street three hundred feet, and lot being a square of one hundred by three hundred feet it having been cut off from what is known as F. A. Sinquefield Gin House lot that on December 1st, 1891 said Mrs. Kelley by her Deed Conveyed said lot to William Little of said County to secure a debt of \$800.00 and she took from said William Little, his bond for title to reconvey said lot to her upon payment of said debt.

That at the time of her death she had not paid said debt, and she held and petitioner as administrator now holds only said bond for title to the lot. That Petitioner as such administrator has no money or Property belonging to said estate with which to pay said debt and redeem the Title.

That for the purpose of paying the debts of said Estate and making distribution among the heirs of said deceased and it is necessary to sell the lands of said deceased.

Wherefore petitioner prays an order directing that citation issue and be published in Terms of the law, and if no good cause be shown to the contrary that your Petitioner be granted leave to sell all the lands of said deceased and especially to sell all rights titles and interest of said estate in and to the lot hereinbefore described.

This 1 st day of August 1898	L. R. Farmer admr Estate Effie Kelley
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Ordinary's office
Jefferson County Georgia
August 1st 1898

The foregoing petition read and considered and it is ordered that Citation issue and be published as required by law.

A. H. Wootten Ordinary J.C.

In the Court of Ordinary
Jefferson County Georgia
September Term 1898

Notice of application for leave to sell the lands belonging to the Estate of Mrs. Effie Kelley deceased having been published and no objections being filed to the distribution among the heirs of said deceased, that said lands be sold. It is hereby ordered that leave be granted L. R. Farmer administrator of said deceased to sell the land belonging to said Estate in and to a House and lot situated in the Town of Louisville in said State and County which fronts an Gordan Street beginning when said lot corners on Walnut Street three hundred feet said lot being a square of one hundred by three hundred feet it having been cut off from what is known as F. A. Sinquefield Gin House lot this Sept 5th, 1898.

A. H. Wootten Ordinary

Notes:

This is from the Court logbook: Inventories and Appraisements 1865-1923 vol A-C Jefferson Co Effie Kelley page 406-407. These pages were all handwritten.

Record: Court File Inventories and Appraisements
Jefferson County, Georgia
August 11, 1898

STATE OF GEORGIA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

BY THE COURT OF ORDINARY OF SAID COUNTY.

To *S. M. Clark, M. G. Gamble, W. P. Lowry, M. W. Rhodes + J. F. Brown*

These are to authorize you, or any three of you, whose names are here above written, to attend and appraise the goods and chattels, lands, tenements, rights or credits, of *Mrs. Effie Kelley*, deceased, wheresoever any of the good, chattels. lands, tenements, rights or credits of said deceased are within the County of Jefferson, and which shall be sworn unto you by *L. R. Farmer Administrator* or come to your knowledge or sight, you having first taken an oath before some legally authorized person to make a true and perfect inventory thereof, and to cause the same to be returned under your hands, or any three or more of you, to the said Court within two months from the date hereof.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto affix my hand and seal, this *1st* day of *August*, 1898

A. H. Wootten, Ordinary.

OATH OF APPAISERS.

STATE OF GEORGIA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

You *M. G. Gamble, Jas. F. Brown + M. W. Rhodes* do swear that you will make a just and true appraisement and inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels, lands, tenements, rights and credits of *Mrs. Effie Kelley*, deceased, as shall be produced to by...) *L. R. Farmer*
of the estate of said deceased, and > *M. G. Gamble*
will make a return thereof according to law.) *Jas. F. Brown*

Sworn to and subscribed before *each other* this *6th* day of *Aug*, 1898

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT

OF THE ESTATE OF *Mrs. Effie Kelley*, DECEASED.

	DOLLARS.	CENTS.
<i>One House + lot in the Town of Louisville Corner Garden + Walnut St. being East Corner.</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>	<i>00</i>
<i>One Bay Horse about 14 years old named Taylor</i>	<i>\$50</i>	<i>00</i>
<i>Appraisers</i> <i>M. G. Gamble</i> <i>Jas. F. Brown</i> <i>M. W. Rhodes</i>		
<i>Amnt. Carried Forward</i>	<i>\$1550</i>	<i>00</i>

We, the undersigned appraisers, do certify that, having been first sworn by and before each other according to law, that the within and foregoing is a true inventory and Appraisement of all the estate of *Mrs. Effie Kelley*, deceased, so far as the same was produced before us by the *L. R. Farmer Admr* of said deceased, to the best of our judgment and understanding.

Given under our hands and seal, this *6th* day of *August*, 1898

M. G. Gamble (L. S.)
Jas. F. Brown (L. S.)
M. W. Rhodes (L. S.)
Appraisers.

GEORGIA, JEFERSON COUNTY.

Personally came before me *L. R. Farmer Administrator of the Estate* of *Mrs. Effie Kelley*, deceased, who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that the within and foregoing inventory is just, true, and correct, and contains a true account of all the goods and chattels, rights and credits, and real estate of said deceased, that have come to his hands, possession, or knowledge *L. R. Farmer Admr*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *11* day of *August*, 1898

A. H. Wootten, Ordinary.

Recorded *August 11th*, 1898

A. H. Wootten, Ordinary

Notes:

This is from a Court logbook: Inventories and appraisements 1865-1923 vol A-C Jefferson Co Effie Kelley page 16-17.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
August 11, 1898

MINUTES COUNTY BOARD.

Louisville, Ga., Aug. 2, 1898.

The board met in regular session; all the members present. The minutes of last meeting read, corrected, approved and ordered recorded.

The Tax Receiver presented his books showing a total of taxable property amounting to \$2,137,905 as against \$2,154,091 for last year, making a difference of \$16,186.

The rate of 5 mills for all purposes for the year 1898 was adopted.

The petition of J. L. Beall, Gordon Hood, G. L. Cain et. al., asking the board to change the election precinct for the 78th district from the J. E. Fleming place to the place known as the store house of Cain & Nettles was received, and the usual notice in such cases be ordered given.

1215	Dr. G. W. Kelley, services at pauper farm June,	5.00
1225	Dr. G. W. Kelley, services at pauper farm July,	5.00

There being no other business, the board adjourned.

J. F. Brown, Clerk.
Wm Little, Chairman.

Note:

There was a list of things in these minutes. My focus is in the person of my interest, Doctor George Washington Kelley.

**Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
December 8, 1898**

MINUTES COUNTY BOARD.

Louisville, Ga., Dec. 6, 1898.

The board met in regular session; all the members present.

The minutes of last meeting read, approved and ordered recorded.

Mr. Cato appeared before the board claiming damages for injuries in accident at the gate across the Warrenton road near the Sinquefield Roberts place. The board after hearing the case decided that in its present status they had no jurisdiction and consequently took no action.

Mr. J. T. Clark reported that the work done by the county and him self had been finished, and that he desired that a committee be appointed to inspect and receive it also to inspect two small bridges at the mill and old gin site, and determine whose duty it is to keep them in repair. The following committee was appointed to make the investigation and report to this body as its next regular meeting: L. R. Farmer, Geo. F. Hudson, W. L. Phillips, S. F. Tarver and W. A. Oates.

Cason Schley, colored, was admitted to the pauper farm.

The cases of the parties arrested as road defaulters and tried today were disposed of as shown by the docket.

W. L. Phillips asked to be excused from attendance at this session, and request was granted.

W. J. Wren was elected chairman ____ and the business of the board continued.

The following bills were audited and drafts drawn on treasurer for same:

1370 Dr. G. W. Kelley, services Pauper farm and jail Oct. and Nov. \$10.00

There being no other business, the board adjourned.

W. J. Wren, Clerk
J. F. Brown, Chairman

Note:

There was a list of things in these minutes. My focus is the person of interest, Doctor George Washington Kelley.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
December 15, 1898

The Advertising Medium of Jefferson Co

Administrator's Sale.

AGREEABLY to an order of the court of Ordinary of Jefferson County will be sold at auction, at the Court House Door of said county, on the FIRST TUESDAY IN JANUARY 1899, within the legal hours of sale, all that house and lot in Louisville in said county, and known as the lot and residence of Mrs. Effie Kelley, deceased, situated on the corner of Gordon and Walnut street, having a front of one hundred feet on Gordon street, and extending back on Walnut street three hundred feet, being a square of 100 by 300 feet cut off from what is known as F. A. Sinquefield's gin house lot, and contains a little over two-thirds of an acre. The title to said lot was conveyed by the deceased to secure a loan, and the estate holds only bond for title, but the holder of the title consents to a sale of the whole title, and will unite with the Administrator in conveying to the purchaser a full title to the same.

To be sold as the property of the estate of Mrs. Effie Kelley, for the benefit of heirs and creditors. Terms CASH.

December 1st, 1898.

L. R. FARMER, Administrator.

Note:

This was posted as well on December 1st, 8th, 29th

Book: Fourteenth Annual Catalogue of John B. Stetson University
DeLand, Florida
Published: 1899

List of Students

NORMAL SCHOOL

Spring Tern Teachers' Class.

It listed the students, but my focus is just one:

Kelley, Viola Windsor, Fla. Chaudoin Hall.

The Spring Term and Public School Teachers.

Every effort is made on the part of the University to be of service to those public school teachers who after the close of their winter schools can attend our Normal School for the spring term. The course is so arranged that Theory of Education, Methods of Teaching and History of Education are taught in the spring. In addition to the subjects regularly offered this term, special classes for teachers will be organized in those subjects taught in the public schools. Class instruction in drawing is offered without extra charge.

Notes:

Viola Kelley was the daughter of Captain George Washington Kelley, Sr. (1828-1907) and Sarah Jane *nee* 'Hook' Kelley (1838-1894). Viola was born on May 29, 1879 in Sandersville, Georgia. She was a very young girl at the age of four when her family settled to nearby Gainesville, Florida in the Fall of 1883. She must have seen how her father built a small community in the wilderness of Alachua County and named the community, Windsor. She was still calling her homeplace Windsor when going through training in becoming a teacher. At the time, she was then twenty years old.

Viola in a few years later, married Coy Johnston on August 14, 1901 in Sandersville, Georgia. A month after she was married, she passed at the young age of 22 years old. She died in the state of South Carolina on October 28, 1901.

**Newspaper: The Macon Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
January 8, 1899**

Dr. G. W. Kelley, formerly of Louisville, has moved his family to this place and will practice here. There is room for a good physician, and there is no reason why the doctor will not do well.

**Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
January 12, 1899**

LOCAL

Dr. G. W. Kelley has moved to Bartow.

Mr. I. F. Farmer has moved to the dwelling recently occupied by Dr. G. W. Kelley.

Note:

Bartow is not too far from Louisville, and still in Jefferson County. This must have been the times of his hardships that he had to move out to Bartow. He must have lost his property, and I'm still not sure of the whole story here. He later moves himself and family to Millen almost a year later after this move.

**Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
January 19, 1899**

MINUTES COUNTY BOARD.

Louisville, Ga., Jan. 3, 1899.

The board met in regular session; the following members present: W. J. Wren, S. F. Tarver, J. J. Milton, W. A. Oates.

Mr. S. F. Tarver was elected chairman pro. Tem. The minutes of the last meeting read, approved and ordered.

The board instructed the clerk to advertise for medical attention and medicines for the pauper farm and jail for 1899; also for bids to do the county printing. The board reserving the right to reject any or all bids.

Mr. Frank Larisey appeared before the board claiming damages for an accident to his horse from having falling through hole in Raifords bridge. Mr. S. F. Tarver and W. A. Oates appointed a committee to look after the bridge and the damage to horse, and report at next meeting.

Wesley Arrington, white, was admitted to the pauper farm.

The following bills were audited and drafts drawn on treasurer for same:

1394 Dr. G. W. Kelley, services pauper farm Dec. for '98, 5.00
On Account of the Public Roads.

For want of time business of importance postponed to Friday Jan. 20, to which time the board then adjourned

Jas. F. Brown, Clerk.
W. L. Phillips, Chairman.

Newspaper: The Macon Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
February 15, 1899

Dr. G. W. Kelley, has a very sick child.

Record: Court File Vouchers
Jefferson County, Georgia
February 17, 1899

Vouchers of the Estate of Effie Kelley

Voucher 1

Louisville Ga Feby 17th, 1899
L. R. Farmer administrator Estate Effie Kelley

To News + Farmer Dr

1897 Dec 9	For Notice for Letters Admr	3.00
1898 Oct 1	For Notice Sale land 214 Cards	6.40
1898 Dec 1	For Notice Sale land 214 Cards	6.40
1898 Dec 1	For Notice Letter dismissal	6.50

		\$22.30

Received payment of L. R. Farmer administrator.

J. W. White

Voucher 2

L. R. Farmer Administration
To Jefferson County Banner
advertising for Est Effie Kelley in 1898 - \$6.00

Received payment
G. W. Kelley ad Mgr
Jefferson Co Banner

This Feby 25th, 1899.

Voucher 3

Received of Dr. G. W. Kelley Wife	
County Taxes paid by L. R. Farmer County Admr	
Taxes on real Estate for 1898	\$11.21
Cash	.50

Feby 25 th , 1899 -	11.71

Voucher 4

Georgia Jefferson County To F. A. Sinquefield Esq. Greeting, you are hereby commanded that laying all other business aside you be and appear of the Superior Court in and for said County aforesaid, on the second Monday in Nov 1898. There and There to be sworn as a witness for the Plaintiff in the case of L. R. Farmer administrator against Geo Kelley Claimant Defendant, there pending paid not, under the penalty of three hundred dollars. Witness the Honorable R. L. Gamble, Judge of said Court, this 9th day of Nov 1898

W. S. Murphy, Clerk

Georgia Jefferson County – Personally appeared before me F. A. Sinquefield who swears he is a resident of Jefferson County that he served 4 days namely Nov 14 – 15 – 16 – and 17 – 1898, on the subpoena upon Superior Court of said County and is entitled the three and no/100 dollars for said service. F. A. Sinquefield Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 18 day of Nov 1898 W. S. Murphy, Clerk. SC JC Ga Received of L. R. Farmer admr Est Effie Kelley Three Dollars in full payment of this subpoena.

Feby 27/99

F. A. Sinquefield

Voucher 5

Received from L. R. Farmer administrator on the Estate of Mrs. Effie Kelley three and 50/100 dollars for selling House + Lot on the first Tuesday in Jany 1899.

I. F. Farmer Sheriff J. C.

Voucher 6

State of Georgia, Town of Louisville = to the Marshall of said town you are commanded that of the goods and chattles, if any to be found, otherwise of the Lands and tenements of Mrs. Effie Kelley you make, by distress and sell thereof the sum of six – Dollars, for street and property Tax for year 1897 – and the further sum of one dollar cash. And you are hereby required to return this (unreadable) to me, with your actings and doings thereon, and the sum aforesaid within the time prescribed by law. Herein fail nah. Given under my hand, this 30 day of Dec 1898. R. H. Walkins Chairman Pro tem.

\$7.48 Received of L. R. Farmer admr
Seven and 48/100 dollars Principal (unreadable) and cash on within fifa Mch 8 – 1899

T. F. Caulk TC TL

Voucher 7

State of Georgia, Town of Louisville To the Marshal of said town, you are commanded, that of the goods and chattles, if any to be found otherwise of the Lands and tenements of Mrs. Effie Kelley you make, by distress and sell thereof, the sum of six Dollars and no cents, for street and property tax for the year 1898, and further sum of one dollar cash, and you are hereby required to return this (unreadable) to me, with your actings and doings thereon, and the sum aforesaid within the time prescribed by law. Here in fail nah, Given under my hand, this 30 day of Dec 1898. R. H. Walkins Chairman Pro tem.

\$7.00 Received of L. R. Farmer admr Effie Kelley
Seven and no/100 dollars Principal + cash on within fifa Mch 8 – 1899

T. F. Caulk TC TL

Voucher 8

Mr. L. R. Farmer adm Est Mrs. Effie Kelley Dr	
To A. H. Wootten Ordinary JC	
Receiving application + granting Citation of Dr. G. W. Kelley	\$1.25
Cop Citation and order	.75
Order appointing (.50) + order revoking (.50)	1.00
Recording petition of Dr. Kelley	.50
Warrant of appraisement and order appointing	1.00
Action of appraisement + Recording same	1.50
Receiving application of William Little to have County Adm	
Appointed + granting Citation	1.25
Copy citation and order appointing	.75
Recording Petition of Wm Little	.50
Receiving application for leave to sell real property	1.00
Recording Petition + order for citation	1.00
Letters of administration + Recording	2.00
Receiving appraising + Recording sale bill	1.50
For receiving Executing + Recording final return	1.50
Recording petition for leave to sell	.50
Whole service for Letters of dismission	5.00

	\$77.20

Received Payment

Feb'y 17, 1899

A. H. Wootten Ordinary JC

Voucher 9

Wadley Ga May 2nd 1898
Estate of Mrs. Effie Kelley
To Jefferson County Banner
1898 May 2nd to advertising application for letters of adm. 3.00

J. H. Patterson

Jefferson County Banner

Voucher 10

Receivced of L. R. Farmer admr of Mrs. Effie Kelley, Forty dollars for services as atty to the adm in the management of the Estate.

Mch 31 – 99 – J. G. Cain

Notes:

This is from the Court logbook: Vouchers 1883-1901 vol C-D Jefferson County Effie Kelley page 333-336. This page was handwritten.

Record: Court File Returns
Jefferson County, Georgia
March 31, 1899

First and Final Return of L. R. Farmer Adms Est Mrs. Effie Kelley Dead

Admr Dr

To amt sale on Jan^y 3rd, 1899 of House + lot in Louisville, W^m Little the holder of Title uniting in said sale \$1,000.00.

Amt. of Sale - \$1,000.00

Credit

By amt Paid News + Farmer	#1	22.30
By amt Paid Jeff County Banner	#2	6.00
By amt Paid To Jeff County Tax	#3	11.22
By amt Paid F. A. Sinquefield	#4	3.00
By amt Paid I. F. Farmer	#5	3.50
By amt Paid Town Tax 1897	#6	7.48
By amt Paid Town Tax 1898	#7	7.00
By amt Paid Ordinary	#8	22.30
By amt Paid Jeff. County Banner	#9	3.00
By amt Paid J. G. Cain	#10	40.00
By amt Paid Revenue Stamps on Deed		1.00
By amt Paid Commission to Admr		50.00
By amt Paid On Note of W ^m Little		823.20
Total		\$1,000.00

Note =

W^m Little held a Deed to house + Lot given by Mrs. Kelley to secure a loan of \$800.00 Evidenced by a note dated Dec. 1st, 1891 with interest at 8% from date which amounted at the time of sale to \$1,168.33. The estate held only bond for Title Mr. Little consented to and united with the Administrator in a sale of the entire Title to the House + lot and after paying the above expenses + charges, the balance paid on his note.

Sworn to + subscribed before me	}	
March 31 st , 1899	}	L. R. Farmer
A. H. Wootten Ordinary	}	

Notes:

This is from the Court logbook: Returns 1891-1911 vol C Jefferson County Effie Kelley pages 263-264. These pages were all handwritten.

Record: Court File Inventories and Appraisements

Jefferson County, Georgia

May 1, 1899

Effie Kelley

L. R. Farmer admr.	}	Jefferson Court of Ordinary
vs	}	May Term 1899
Est of Mrs. Effie Kelley	}	

1st + Final Return

L. R. Farmer admr. of Est of Effie Kelley, dead, First + Final Return having remained of file in this Court for thirty days and no objections being made thereto and upon Examination the same appears to be regular and legal. Ordered the said return be allowed and admitted to record together with the accompanying Vouchers.

This May 1st, 1899

A. H. Wootten Ordinary J.C.

Notes:

This is from the Court logbook: Inventories and appraisements 1865-1923 vol A-C Jefferson Co Effie Kelley page 423. This page was all handwritten.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
May 4, 1899

GRAND AND TRAVERSE JURORS FOR MAY TERMS 1899.

James A Fleming, W A Willie, L F Berry, C W Salter, M.D., Geo. F Hudson, James T Wilson, James B Dawson, Burrell J Brown, W Hall, O B Brown, J L Scruggs J J Patterson, J H Oliphant, St. Theo Autry, W A Brown, R A Rhodes, W A Stone, W H Hopkins, W A Denny, I J Gay, E S Jernigan, J D Wright, M.D., T F Caulk, Geo. S Farmer, H I Harvey, Chas. H Raley, M.D., L E Brown, J M Hines, W E Baston, John C Griner.

Traverse Jurors.

- 1 R A Cheatham,
- 2 T M Coleman,
- 3 Joshua Smith,
- 4 James King,
- 5 James E Eaton,
- 6 Jeff H Farrer,
- 7 R T Terrell,
- 8 William A Denton,
- 9 O R Sheppard,
- 10 E E Ponder,
- 11 A J Swint,
- 12 James E Wright,
- 13 Richmond Beckworth,
- 14 Wilham J Rodgers,
- 15 Curran Becton,
- 16 S C Evans,
- 17 Charles H Ponder,
- 18 R W Rhodes,
- 19 W R McNeely,
- 20 John T Hudson,
- 21 Samuel M Anderson,
- 22 F J Rheney,
- 23 L A Cheatham,
- 24 George W Kelley,
- 25 J A Gordon,
- 26 Zeph G Black,
- 27 Josh Y Hadden,
- 28 T W Neal,
- 29 William B Kent,
- 30 W M Speir,
- 31 Isam Youngblood,
- 32 Eben T Watkins,
- 33 M A Lively,

34 John B Lewis,
35 George W Kelley, M. D.,
36 M R Bowling.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
July 20, 1899

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

GEORGIA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Whereas, L. R. Farmer, administrator on the estate of Mrs. Effie Kelley, late of said county deceased, has applied to the undersigned for letters of dismission from said administration.

These are therefore to notify all persons concerned that I will pass upon said application at my office on the FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST, 1899, This May 1st, 1899.

A. H. Wootten, Ordinary.

Note:

This was also shown in the News and Farmer on August 3, 1899.

Record: Court File Inventories and Appraisements
Jefferson County, Georgia
August 7, 1899

Effie Kelley

Georgia	}	To the Court of Ordinary
Jefferson County	}	of said County

The Petition of L. R. Farmer administrator of Effie Kelley deceased, shewth that he has fully discharged all the duties of such administrator. That he has pail all the debts of his intestate, has turned over the residue on his Books to the lawful heirs of said Effie Kelley. He therefore prays the usual citations may issue requiring all persons interested to show Cause if any they can why he should not be discharged from his administration and while such citation is remaining his proceedings as such administrator may undergo a through revision by this court.

J. G. Cain + R. N. Hardeman atty for Admr

Jefferson County of Ordinary
May Term 1st day May 1899

The above petition having been read and considered ordered that the prayer of petitioner be granted and that the petition be entered on the minutes of the Court

A. H. Wootten Ordinary

Georgia	}
Jefferson County	}

Whereas L. R. Farmer administrator of Effie Kelley represented to this Court in his petition duly filed and entered of record. That he has fully administered said Effie Kelley Estate. This is therefore to cite all persons concerned, kindred and creditors to show Cause if any they can why said administrator should not be discharged from his administration and receive letters of Dismission on the first Monday in August 1899

A. H. Wootten Ordinary

Jefferson Court of Ordinary
Aug Term Aug 7th, 1899

It appearing to the Court that Citation for a discharge from his administration of Mrs. Effie Kelley Estate has been duly issued and published and it also appearing to the Court from thorough examination of all the proceedings of said L. R. Farmer Administrator of Mrs. Effie Kelley Estate. That he has fully and faithfully administered said Estate and is legally entitled to discharge from his administration of Mrs. Effie Kelley Estate and that as evidence of this discharge Letters of Dismission issue to him.

A. H. Wootten Ordinary

Notes:

This is from the Court logbook: Inventories and appraisements 1865-1923 vol A-C Jefferson Co Effie Kelley pages 478-479. This page was all handwritten.

Record: Court File Inventories and Appraisements
Jefferson County, Georgia
August 7, 1899

Effie Kelley

Georgia	}	By the Honorable Ordinary
Jefferson County	}	of said County

To all Whom These Presents Shall Come or be Made Known, Greetings

Whereas L. R. Farmer administrator of the lands and tenements good chattles and credits of Mrs. Effie Kelley deceased hath made application for the dismission thereof, and on Examination of the appraisement and inventory of said Estate of Mrs. Effie Kelley deceased having found all and singular the property of said Estate which came to the hands of said L. R. Farmer Administrator well and truly administered as appears by vouchers Lodged in office. We do therefore in purmance of the Powers vested in us, hereby discharge, Exonerate and dismiss the said L. R. Farmer from the Administration aforesaid, and further Exonerate and dismiss the Band as County Administrator from any security entered into by and for L. R. Farmer as County Administrator in consequence thereof.

Given under my hand and official signature this Aug. 7th, 1899

A. H. Wootten Ordinary

Notes:

This is from the Court logbook: Inventories and appraisements 1865-1923 vol A-C Jefferson Co Effie Kelley pages 490-491. These pages were all handwritten.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
January 4, 1900

LOCAL

Dr. G. W. Kelley has moved to Millen.

Newspaper: The True Citizen
Waynesboro, Georgia
January 27, 1900

Dr. G. W. Kelley, has moved his family to Millen and will practice at this place and the surrounding county.



Painting of Allen Kelley before his death in the year 1862.



George Kelley marriage to Sarah Hook
Picture taken on March 1868.

The Augusta Chronicle

The South's Oldest Newspaper—Established 1785

Augusta, Ga., Saturday Morning, April 18, 1970

Life is on big scale at old Glascock house



KELLEY-HARRIS HOUSE IS GLASCOCK COUNTY'S OLDEST HOME
Scuppernon vines, large trees, ferns, bronze vaults found here

Special to The Chronicle
GIBSON, Ga. — The Kelley-Harris house is the oldest in Glascock County. It stands a mile from Gibson, on the Beall Springs Road, on a hill that commands a sweeping view of rolling pastures, woods, and Rocky Comfort Creek.

"It was built in 1826 by a Kelley," says Hardwick Harris who, with his brother, Eli, owns the Double H Ranch. "It has never been changed except for the porch and rooms added to the back — and only two families have ever lived here, the Kelleys and the Harris-es."

Harris is called Pete by everyone who knows him — "Hardwick takes too long to say!" — and he is known from Nebraska to California, for he travels extensively buying and selling purebred Hereford cattle.

"Once this was a cotton farm. The Kelleys owned thousands of acres, and sold it to my grandfather shortly after The War Between the States. My father gave away thousands of acres himself for stock in the Augusta-Gibson-Sandersville Railroad that quit running about 1932. Now we have 766 acres. We gave up raising cotton about

1962 when help got so hard to get."

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have lived alone on the ranch since the death of Harris' mother, Mrs. Sherman Harris, except for Eli Harris. They have no children, a cause of sorrow.

"Pedro and I would have loved them," says Mrs. Harris, a quiet, pretty woman who was an Edinfield from Emanuel County before her marriage. "We do enjoy family reunions at Magnolia Springs and have fine nieces and nephews."

Why does she call Mr. Harris "Pedro?"

"I don't know," she smiles. "I just do. It seems to suit him."

Harris is as lively as the Mexican name. He and Mrs. Harris are proud of the farm and enjoy showing it to the visitors who hear about it and stop by.

"These boards in the living room and porch are all widths," he points out, "but mostly very big. I've measured them and some are as wide as 19 inches. When General Sherman came through Glascock, he burned a lot of homes and mills but left this house alone. My grandfather came from West Virginia, and that might have had something to do with it, I don't know."

As visitors walk across the wide, sandy yard, peacocks parade slowly past, plumes magnificently displayed. Chickens scratch under the trees, a pretty Jersey milk cow looks over a fence — "My wife says that if she has to cook, she wants real milk and butter!" — and one of the biggest scuppernon vines in Georgia shelters chicken boxes built high on stilts to protect against predators.

"That vine covers nearly an acre — and you should be here in the fall when the grapes are ripe," says Harris. "The cabin here — we use it as a corn crib now — it's older than the house, we hear. It was built 30 years earlier. All the boards are pegged."

One Chinaberry tree is about 10 feet in circumference and covered with fern.

Harris remarks, "When the fern is open, that's good fishing weather!"

The Harris-es like fishing. Pete and Eli bought additional acreage a few years ago a mile from the house, just to obtain a fine spot on Rocky Comfort Creek. It is near the site of the old Avery Mill, gone now, and not far from the Kelley family graveyard.

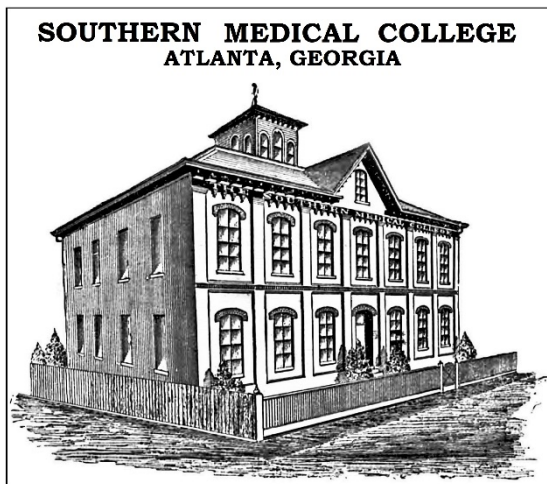
The Newspaper that was mentioning the house that was built by James Kelley. It's pointing that it was built in the year 1826, but some other documents' pointing the year to by 1828. This house is in Gibson, Georgia.
George W. Kelley, Sr. and his brothers were raised here.



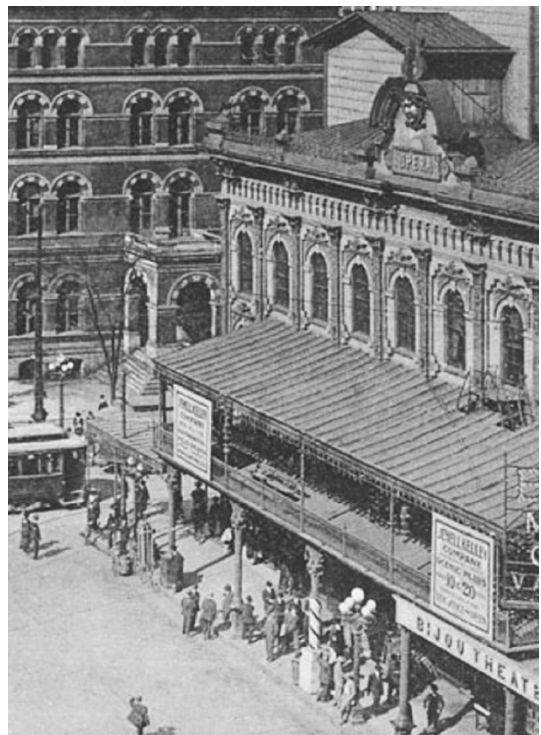
This picture was taken in Florida close to 1885
Left to right: Hartwell, Thurman (Back), Forest,
Lilian, James and Belle.



Doctor George Washington Kelley, Jr.
Picture taken about 1897.



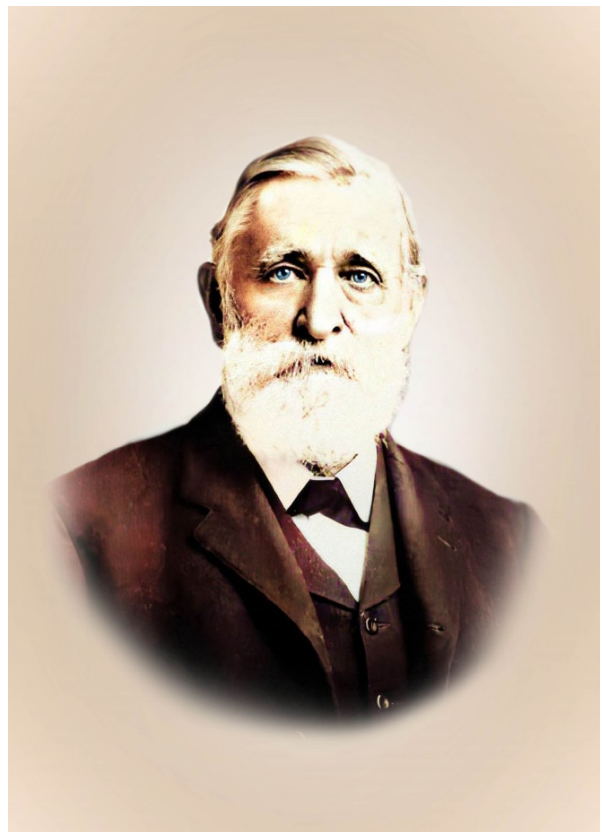
The medical college that was founded in
The year 1878. Dr. George W. Kelley
attended here.



The First DeGives Opera House that later
became the Bijou Theater. Dr. George W.
Kelley's graduation ceremony was held there.



This picture was probably taken close to Louisville Georgia in the year 1897
 Left to right: Servant, Ike Spain, George (Hand in mouth), Hugh, Leon, and
 Dr. George W. Kelley.



Drawing and colorized picture of George Washington Kelley, Sr.



The lumber business that was owned and operated in Windsor, Alachua Co., Fla.
George W. Kelley, Sr. on the car and his grandson, George Hartwell Kelley on
A large piece on timber. Year 1892.



The Kelley Mill circa 1894. This was burned down close to the year 1902. In the newspaper, it was under James
Lawrence Kelley and his sons.



The Kelley's home in Windsor, Florida.



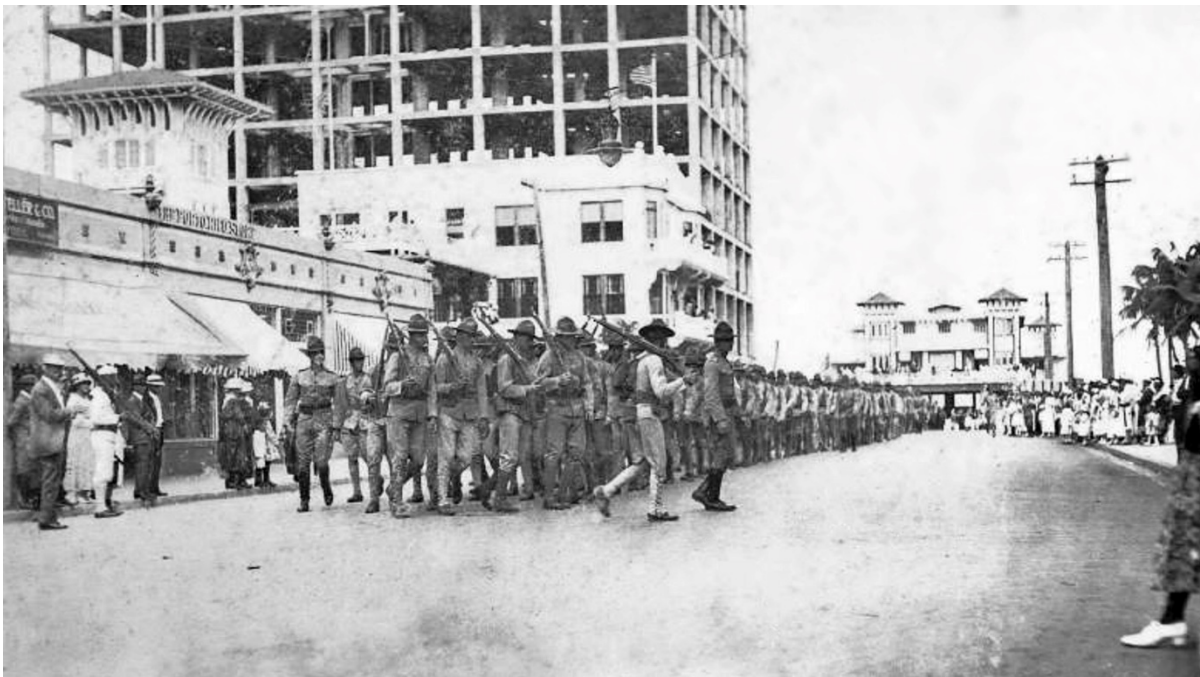
Home of Dr. James Lawrence Kelley at the addresses of,
508 South Arredonda Street
Gainesville, Florida
James and his family moved there in the spring of 1908.



Doctor James Lawrence Kelley.



Hugh Lawrence Kelley in his uniform.
Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia 1917.



Miami Company "M" marching 12th Street in the city of Miami in the year 1917.



Hugh L. Kelley boarded on the R.M.S. Olympic, on October 17, 1918 heading to England.



Then onto the H.M.S. Antrim, on October 25, 1918 going to France.



Hugh came back from France on the U.S.S. South Bend and arrived at New York on July 15, 1919.



Hugh Lawrence Kelley in uniform, 1917



Hugh's sister, Alice Kelley Parrish
1920's era.



Early 1940's in Miami, Florida. Left to Right:
Vernon, Wayne, Tessa and Wallace.



Hugh and Tessa Kelley 50th Wedding Anniversary
Picture taken on December 1967 in Miami.



Picture taken in the year of 1956 in Miami, Florida. Betty, Wallace and their sons, Clint and Lonnie.



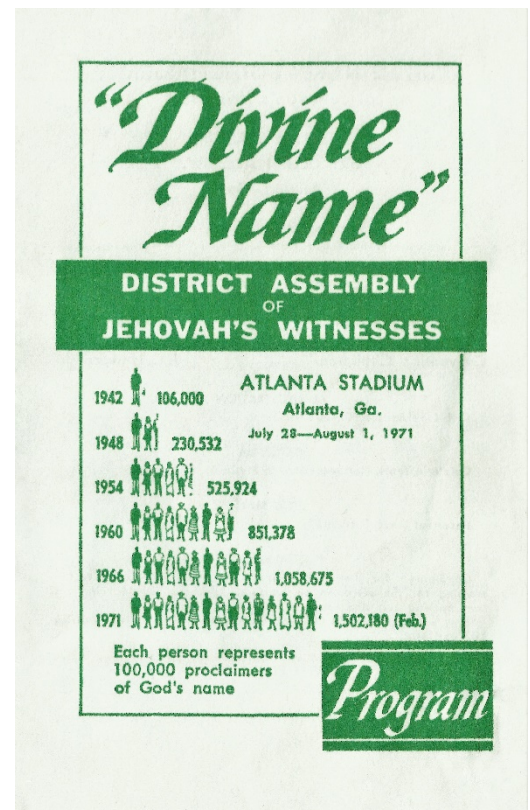
Picture taken at the home of Wilfred and Maria Kelley on December 1967.
Left to right: Betty, Lonnie, Leah, Clint and Wallace Kelley.



Postcard picture of the motel where Wallace and Betty Kelley were baptized.



Lonnie Kelley attended here for the convention
And was baptized there.



The program of the convention where
Lonnie Kelley was baptized.

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VOL. LXXV No. 34

KEY WEST, FLORIDA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1934

PRICE FIVE CENTS



MASS IMMERSIONS—Thirty persons were immersed Saturday afternoon during the southeast Florida circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses held here December 24, 25, and 26. The immersion were held at a local motel swimming pool. Above shows a section of the large crowd gathered to witness the rites.—Citizen Staff Photo. Don Pinder.

Convention Finale Draws 1,500 Sunday

A crowd of 1,500 people filled Wickers Stadium Sunday afternoon to hear the main lecture of the southeast Florida Circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses which was held December 24, 25 and 26.

A woman described by po-

10-Year-Old Boy Lands Sailfish

A 10-year-old Kalamazoo, Michigan, youth marked Christmas day by performing a feat which some sportsmen spend a lifetime trying to duplicate.

The boy, Patrick Savage, vacationing here with his parents, landed a 20-inch sailfish before breakfast for 20 minutes before he was enjoying his first taste of deep sea fishing.

Catch was shipped by Capt. Ray

Clark Funeral Set For Today In Marathon

Autopsy Says Marathon Man Drowned Friday

Funeral services were scheduled to be held at 2 p. m. for Harold A. Clark, 59, who was found dead in the Gulf of Mexico in front of his \$125,000 Marathon mansion Friday morning.

Autopsy report, which will be entered in Transatlantic Key cemetery in Marathon, which he made possible with the gift of land.

Meanwhile, States Attorney J. Lancelot Lester said today that an inquest will probably be held Tuesday morning to determine the cause of Mr. Clark's death. Lester said that the inquest would be held at the courthouse, Justice of the Peace of Monroe County's third district, for a delay in the proceedings to allow time to compile the facts in the case.

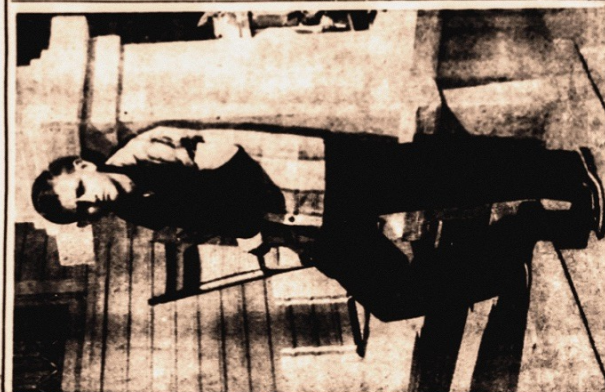
The autopsy report of Dr. Herman K. Moore, revealed that Mr. Clark died from drowning. There was no evidence of any external violence or of any internal

violation of any

Left Party

Clark had wandered away from a party in his home early Friday morning, his widow, Charlotte, did not know where he had gone. He had been in the habit of taking late evening walks and sometimes sleeping in a lodge on his estate, or on a 25-foot cabin cruiser docked at the water at 8:30 a. m. Friday by a caretaker.

Mr. Clark, widely known in Charleston, S. C., where he owned a large estate, had accumulated a fortune from the development of an oil and device for automotive engine before



Elmer Del Pino On Critical List From Multiple Wounds

A 56-year-old grocer is fighting for his life in Monroe General Hospital after being stabbed by an unidentified Negro in a robbery attempt early Saturday.

The man, Elmer Del Pino, who operates a grocery store at 515 Truman Avenue, suffered multiple wounds in his stomach and chest in a battle with the man, whom he said he had never seen before.

Rushed to the hospital, he has been on the critical list since, although physicians said today he showed "slight improvement."

According to the report of Patrolman Edward Ramirez, Del Pino was sweeping the sidewalk prior to opening his store about 5 o'clock Saturday. When the man appeared, Del Pino held a knife at his throat.

"I'll cut your throat if you don't give me all the money you have," the man quoted his assailant as saying.

Del Pino struggled to break loose but was stabbed six times during the scuffle. He also suffered a wound in his arm when the man ran off down Truman Ave.

Del Pino succeeded in throwing the man into a nearby yard and he ran off down Truman Ave. The assailant, who was carrying a knife, was seen by other men.

Call to the police to his daughter, Mrs. Rose Johnson, who also lives at the Truman Ave. address.

"Somebody stabbed me," he

Driver Won't Talk After Sunday Wreck

Highway Patrol Probes Upper Keys Accident

The sheriff's department today was investigating the case of the driver of a wrecked car who refuses to give his name but who was carrying the identification of another man.

The driver of the car who looks like a man in his late 20s or early 30s, according to Florida Highway Patrolman Robert G. Young in the James Archer Smith Hospital at

OLD CHRISTMAS PRESENT—Seven-year-old John Gaudin.



Picture was taken in Umatilla, Florida in the year of 1986.
Left to right: Orrin, Karen, Eben and Lonnie Kelley.



Picture was taken on May 2005 at Daytona, Florida. Left to right:
Eben, Lonnie, Karen, Orrin, Betty and Wallace Kelley.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
March 8, 1900

LOCAL

Dr. G. W. Kelley, of Millen, is in town to-day. He has a good practice, and his friends will be glad to hear of his success.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
October 4, 1900

LOCAL.

Dr. G. W. Kelley, of Millen, is in town to-day.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
October 18, 1900

PERSONAL.

Mr. G. W. Kelley of Windsor, Fla., is visiting friends and relatives in Gibson.

Miss Corine Kelley of Windsor, Fla., is visiting relatives and friends in Gibson this week. – Gibson Records.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
January 24, 1901

PERSONAL.

From the Tennille News: -

Mr. George Kelley of Windsor, Fla., is visiting relatives here. He lived in Tennille some eighteen or twenty years ago, and is forcibly impressed by the town's enterprise and improvement,

Newspaper: The True Citizen
Waynesboro, Georgia
February 2, 1901

George Kelley, of Louisville, is in town visiting his cousin, Dr. Kelley, who has been quite ill for some time.

Newspaper: Augusta Chronicle
Augusta, Georgia
February 5, 1901

DEATH OF DR. KELLEY

Occurred Yesterday at Millan, Ga. Funeral Today.

Word was received in the city last night announcing the death of Dr. G. W. Kelley, which occurred at Millen, Ga., yesterday.

Dr. Kelley was a very successful physician and was well known in Augusta. He is survived by a wife and eight children.

The funeral will occur today at Louisville, Ga.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
February 7, 1901

Dr. T. J. M. Kelley was called to the bedside of his brother yesterday, Dr. G. W. Kelley of Millen, who is seriously ill. His many friends of this place hope to hear of his recovery soon. - Gibson Record.

Note:

This newspaper story was entertaining the idea that Dr. George Washington Kelley was ill, and the hopes of his recovery. It looks that the news of his death did not reach them. Dr. George Washington Kelley had died on February 4th, 1901.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
February 7, 1901

DIED

At his home in Millen Feb. 4th, 1901, Dr. G. W. Kelley. Disease typhoid fever, and was sick several weeks. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his death. The bereaved family has the sympathy of their many friends. The remains were interred in the Louisville cemetery, and religious services conducted by Rev. J. S. Mills.

Newspaper: The True Citizen
Waynesboro, Georgia
February 9, 1901

MILLEN

-

Some Interesting Items From That Enterprising And Prosperous Little City

Feb 7. - The grim reaper, Death, has been in our midst and while gathering in his harvest has desolated and saddened two homes. Dr. George Kelley who has been quite ill for sometime died Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Kelley has only been a resident of our town about a year, but has made many friends here who are grieved to learn of his death. His remains were taken to Louisville for interment. (then story of other death)

Newspaper: The True Citizen
Waynesboro, Georgia
February 23, 1901

MILLEN

Some Interesting Items From That Enterprising And Prosperous Little City.

Feb 19. - The family of Dr. Kelley have returned to their home in Jefferson county. We learn that three of the children will go to reside with an uncle.

Note:

Originally the three children were Ethel, George and Thomas Leon. It was later decided that instead of George, my great grandfather (Hugh Lawrence Kelley) would go to reside with their uncle (Dr. James Lawrence Kelley). The children moved to Windsor, Florida shortly after this news article was printed.

Letter: Ethel Kelley to James L. Kelley MD
March 11, 1901

Gibson- GA.
March 11th, 1901
Dr. J. L. Kelley
Windsor, Fla.

My dear Uncle I learn that my two little brothers George and Leon and myself are to live with you, and as much is the case and I have to have a guardian and as I have the right to choose for myself. So I will choose you for my guardian.

Will you be kind enough to act for me?

I was sixteen the fourteenth of last October. b. 10-14-1884

George will be nine years old the seventeenth of next October. b. 10-17-1892

Leon was seven the 24th of December. b. 12-24-1893

We are all very anxious to get there.

Susie is in Warrenton now with Grand Pa Cummings, but I think that she will come here the last of the week.

Alice is in Tennille with Cousin Jim Kelley. The rest of us are here in Gibson.

Excuse my mistakes and bad writing.

I will close with much love to all.

Your loving niece,
Ethel Kelley

Write soon.

**Letter: Dr. James Lawrence Kelley to Judge Mason
March 22, 1901**

Windsor, Fla., 3/22 1901

Judge Mason

Dear Sir,

Doubtless you will remember my conversation with you a few days ago about the guardianship for the three children. Enclosed first a letter from the girl. She names the boys, except I have taken Hugh instead of George. Hugh is 10 years. There will be some insurance money for them, \$250.00 or \$300.00 each, but no other estate. There will be no administration and the guardian will have to be acknowledge to receipt for the money. I have letters from GA hurrying me up. Fix the matter for me as soon as you can. Let me hear.

Yours,
J. L. Kelley

**Record: Guardianship Papers
Alachua County, Florida
April 6, 1901**

IN COUNTY COURT, }

ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA }

BY THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT.

Guardianship of *Ethel Kelley, Hugh Kelley and Leon Kelley*

On the application of *J. L. Kelley* to be appointed Guardian of the *person and estate of* the said Minors, and it appearing to the Court that said applicant *is a* fit and proper person to receive said appointment. It is ordered, adjudged and decreed that said *J. L. Kelley* be, and *he is* hereby appointed Guardian of the said Minors, and that upon taking the prescribed oath, and entering into bond to be approved by this Court, in the sum of *One Thousand Dollars* Letters of Guardianship as aforesaid, be granted to said applicant.

Given under my hand and seal this *6th* day of *April* A. D. *1901*

H. G. Mason County Judge

STATE OF FLORIDA, }
ALACHUA COUNTY }

Know all Men by These Present:

That we *J. L. Kelley* are held and firmly bound unto *W. S. Jennings* Governor of the State of Florida, and his successors in office, in the penal sum of *One Thousand* Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our and every of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly, by these presents, Sealed with our seals, and dated this Day of In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

WHEREAS, The above bounden *J. L. Kelley* has applied to the County Judge of said County of To be appointed Guardian of *Ethel Kelley, Hugh Kelley and Leon Kelley minors*

AND WHEREAS, The Judge of said Court having approved said application;

NOW, THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if the said *J. L. Kelley* above bounden, shall, as Guardian of said Minors, faithfully preserve the estate of said Minors, and shall annually, on or before the first day of June, and at all times when there onto required, during the continuance of said guardianship, render to and file in said Court an inventory of said Minors estate, its profits and disbursements, and all the rest and residue of the goods, chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Guardian's account, the same being first examined and allowed by said Court; shall deliver and pay to such person or persons respectively as the said Court, by its order and decree, shall appoint and direct; then this obligation to be void and of no effect – otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

<i>Taken + approved by</i>	}	<i>J. L. Kelley MD</i>	[SEAL.]
<i>Me, Apr. 6, 1901</i>	}	<i>James Holder</i>	[SEAL.]
	}		
<i>H. G. Mason</i>	}		

Note:

Some years later, James Lawrence Kelley asked for the withdrawal of guardianship to Hugh Lawrence Kelley. Look for the letter dated July 12, 1911 that James wrote to Judge H. G. Mason.

Record: Guardianship Papers
Jefferson County, Georgia
Probably April 1, 1901

GEORGIA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, *Edward L. Cumming Principal and Eli M. Cumming*, acknowledge ourselves jointly and severally bound unto *(not legible name)*, Ordinary of said County, and his successors and assigns, in the just and full sum of *Six Hundred Dollars*, to the true payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and the heir and executors of us and each of us, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this *1st* day of *February*, 1901

The Condition of the above Bond or Obligation is such, that if the above bound *Edward L. Cumming*, who *was* this day appointed Guardian of the person and property of *Robert E. Kelley* orphan child of *Dr. George W. Kelley*, deceased, acknowledging the same by *his* acceptance of said appointment and of Letters of Guardianship of this date, shall well and truly maintain, clothe, and educate said orphan according to *his* circumstances, and shall take good and lawful care of *his* person and property, according to the laws of this State, and shall annually make a just and true return of all *his* actings and doings herein unto the said Ordinary, and pay over all assets that may remain in *his* hands when said guardianship shall legally terminate, then this application to be void; else to remain in full force.

In Witness Whereof, *we* have hereunto set *our* hand and seal, the day and year above written.

E. L. Cumming (Seal.)

E. M. Cumming (Seal.)

Note:

I know the date entered in the document as February 1, 1901 is incorrect. The reason I know is because Dr. George Washington Kelley died on February 4, 1901. I'm sure that someone wrote in the wrong date, and I'm inclined to think the date should been April 1, 1901 as the newspaper points.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
April 18, 1901

The Advertising Medium of Jefferson County

STATE OF GEORGIA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

- Whereas, R. B. Cumming has applied to the undersigned for the letters of guardianship of the person and property of Robert E Kelley, minor child of G. W. Kelley deceased:

These are therefore to notify all persons concerned that I will pass upon said application at my office on the FIRST MONDAY IN MAY 1901.

April 1st, 1901.

W. W. Rhodes, Ordinary.

Note:

This was Robert Eugene Kelley who was born on May 4th, 1898 to Dr. George Washington Kelley and Fannie L. Cumming (George 2nd wife). I'm not sure why Fannie can't care for her only son at this time, maybe caught in the bad timing of Dr. George Washington Kelley's death. I'm sure this was a brief moment Fannie was unable to care for him, but later the 1910's and 1920's census records show them living together.

This ad was shown on April 25 and May 2 as well.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
August 22, 1901

A HAPPY UNION.

The marriage of Miss Viola Kelley and Mr. Coy Johnston, announced last week, occurred at the residence of Mr. J. C. Kelley in this city last Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Chamlee of Sandersville, officiating. They left immediately after the ceremony had been performed for Charleston. The marriage was a very unpretentious one, only the relatives of the bride at this place being invited. Mr. Johnston is a South Carolinian, and in the past has traveled this road regularly as a drummer. He is a man of pleasing address and makes a favorable impression. The bride is a daughter of Mr. George W. Kelley, who, several years ago, left this county, soon afterwards going to Florida. She is pretty and lovable. They will make Seminole, S. C. their home. Although strangers to us the Banner extends congratulations and wishes them mighty well. - Glascock Banner.

We take pleasure in reproducing the above from the Glascock Banner. The Herald in common with many Washington county friends joins in hearty congratulations and good wishes.

Note:

Viola Johnston *nee Kelley* died a month after her marriage to Coy Johnston. She died on October 28th, 1901. Later, Coy Johnston was married to her sister (Corinne Kelley). Viola and Corrine are daughters of George Washington Kelley Sr.

Record: Confederate Pension Applications

Florida

November 19, 1901

Pay from Dec. 13, 1901

At rate of \$96.00 per annum

CLAIM FOR PENSION

BY

Geo. W. Kelley

OF

Alachua Co.

LATE OF

Ga regiment.

FILED IN EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Dec. 13", 1901

APPROVED:

January 7", 1902

H Dickinson Secy. Of Board

FILED IN COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE:

JAN 7 1902

I. B. Hilson, State Printer, Tallahassee, Fla.

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Soldier's Application for Pension.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Alachua County.

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On this 19th day of November, 1901, personally appeared before me, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said county and State, George W Kelley who being by me duly sworn, declares he is the identical person who

enlisted on or about the 3rd day of September, 1861, in Captain George H Jones "B" Company, county of Glasscock, in the state of Ga, and that while in actual service in said company, "B" 22nd Regiment, of the State of Ga, and in line of duty as such soldier, at Petersburg, State of Va on or about the 15th day of April, 1862, and was honorably discharged at the expiration of my service on the July 1, 1862 at Petersburg, Va, I first had acute bronchitis of a very violent nature. Afterwards it assumed a chronic form. I made very little improvement until the Summer of 1864. In the Winter of 1864, I volunteered and did service in Ga, principally around Savannah Ga, until its fall when my bronchitis returned, and I have been almost a continual suffer from it since then. I have Asthma and heart trouble caused from it, which together with age makes me very feeble and that as the direct result of said injures, thus received in line of duty during the war, I am now unable to gain a livelihood by manual labor; that I have continuously since January 1st, 1885, been a citizen of Florida; that neither I, nor my wife, nor both combined, own real and personal property to the value of \$800 in this or any other State, and have not purposely disposed of our property for the purpose of availing ourselves of the provisions of the pension laws of Florida; that I am not otherwise enabled, or in a position to earn, and have no income from any source sufficient for a livelihood by manual labor, and that I never deserted the Confederate service, and that I receive a pension from no other source.

Sworn and subscribed before me this <u>19th</u>	}	
day of <u>November</u> , 190 <u>1</u>	}	<u>Geo W Kelley</u>
	}	
<u>H C Denton</u>	}	P. O. Address <u>Windsor, Fla</u>
Clerk Circuit Court, <u>Alachua</u> County.	}	

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I do solemnly swear the I was born on the 9th day of November in 1828 in Warren county, State of Ga, and that I am now past the age of sixty-five (65) years; that I was bona fide citizen of this State on January, A.D. 1885, and have continuously resided in this State since that date; that I do not own property, real or person, or real and personal, to the value of eight hundred dollars (\$800), and that I am by reason of age incapable of providing a living by manual labor for myself.

Sworn and subscribed before me this <u>19th</u>	}	
day of <u>November</u> , 190 <u>1</u>	}	<u>Geo W Kelley</u>
	}	
<u>H C Denton</u>	}	P. O. Address <u>Windsor, Fla</u>
Clerk Circuit Court, <u>Alachua</u> County.	}	

We do solemnly swear that we personally knew Geo W Kelley the above applicant for pension during the Civil War of 1861 to 1865, that we served with him in B Company 22nd Ga Regiment, and know of our own knowledge that he did receive the injuries set forth in the above application at the time and place claimed, and that the disability therefrom claimed to exist does exist, and that he never deserted the Confederate Army.

Sworn and subscribed before me this <u>24th</u>	}	<u>Wm R Logue</u>
day of <u>November</u> , 190 <u>1</u>	}	Late of <u>B</u> Co, <u>22nd</u> Reg.
	}	
<u>J. C. English ordinary of</u>	}	<u>W J M Kitchens</u>
<u>Glascock County Georgia</u>	}	Late of <u>B</u> Co, <u>22nd</u> Reg.

Georgia Glascock County

I J. C. English ordinary in and for Said county hereby certify that the affidavits of Wm R Logue and W J M Kitchens are genuine and are persons of respectability and good reputation and that their statements are worthy of belief.

Witness my hand and Seal of office. This November 4th, 1901

J. C. English ordinary G C Ga

We do solemnly swear that we are familiar with the value of all the property owned by Geo W Kelley ~~and his wife~~, directly or indirectly, in this or any other State, and that the actual combined value thereof does not exceed \$800; that they have not disposed of any property for the purpose of availing themselves of the provisions of the pension laws of Florida, and that he is not physically or otherwise able, or in a position to earn a livelihood, by manual labor.

Sworn and subscribed before me this <u>Eighth</u> }	<u>James Holder</u>
day of <u>November</u> , 190 <u>1</u> }	P. O. Address <u>Rochelle Fla</u>
	}
<u>J. A. Tucker Notary Public</u> }	<u>J. A. Tucker</u>
	P. O. Address <u>Rochelle Fla</u>
	}

We, the undersigned physicians, residents of the State and county aforesaid, do solemnly swear that we have carefully examined Geo W Kelley, who is personally known to us to be the person above applying for a pension under the laws of Florida, and find that his is physically disqualified to earn a support for himself in account a chronic bronchitis and old age and would respect fully recommend that the pension be granted as he is perfectly worthy of it.

Sworn and subscribed before me this <u>28th</u> }	<u>W C Johnsen</u> M.D.
day of <u>November</u> , 190 <u>1</u> }	Residence <u>Micanopy Fla</u>
	}
<u>A B Chitty</u> }	<u>J L Kelley</u> M.D.
<u>Notary Public</u> }	Residence <u>Windsor Fla</u>
	}

I certify that the above affidavits are genuine; that all of the affiants are persons of respectability and good reputation, and that their statements are worthy of belief; that the attesting officers are duly authorized to attest said affidavits, and that their signatures thereto are genuine.

H C Denton
Clerk of Circuit Court.

We, the undersigned County Commissioners of Alachua county, Florida, do hereby certify that we have carefully investigated the above application for pension made by Geo W Kelley and are satisfied that the conditions and alleged facts therein stated are true and correct, and that he is legally and justly entitled to the pension provided by the act, approved May 3, 1901.

P G Ramsey
A G Dampur
I C Bryant
County Commissioners.

By the County Commissioners, Attest:
H C Denton
Clerk Circuit Court.

REVISED STATUTES OF FLORIDA, CHAPTER II, ARTICLE I.

2077. The children of parents who are unable to support themselves, shall be required to make provision for their support.

2078. On information filed before the Justice of the Peace of the proper district by any person whomsoever, stating that certain persons have made no adequate provision for their father and mother, or either of them, the Justice shall cause a summons to be issued to said parties, and evidence to be taken as to the truth of the facts stated in one information, and if the same shall be found true, after a fair trial in which the defendants shall

have the right to be heard by counsel, the Justice shall issue an order making as assessment on the said children for such amount as shall be necessary for the support of their parents.

2079. Said order shall carry with it the right of enforcement by execution, and shall have the force and effect of a writ of garnishment on the wages of such children, and shall further provide for the person to whom and the manner in which the money assessed therein shall be paid.

Record: Guardianship Papers
Jefferson County, Georgia
May 19, 1902

GEORGIA, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, *J. J. Smith Principled and M. S. Palmer secretary*, acknowledge ourselves jointly and severally bound unto *(not legible name maybe T. F. Caulk)*, Ordinary of said County, and his successors and assigns, in the just and full sum of *Six Hundred* Dollars, to the true payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and the heir and executors of us and each of us, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this *19th* day of *May*, 1902

The Condition of the above Bond or Obligation is such, that if the above bound *J. J. Smith*, who ~~was this day~~ appointed Guardian of the person and property of *Susie M. Kelley* orphan child of *Dr. George W. Kelley*, deceased, acknowledging the same by *his* acceptance of said appointment and of Letters of Guardianship of this date, shall well and truly maintain, clothe, and educate said orphan according to *her* circumstances, and shall take good and lawful care of *her* person and property, according to the laws of this State, and shall annually make a just and true return of all *his* actings and doings herein unto the said Ordinary, and pay over all assets that may remain in *his* hands when said guardianship shall legally terminate, then this application to be void; else to remain in full force.

In Witness Whereof, *we* have hereunto set *our* hand and seal, the day and year above written.

J. J. Smith Prin. (Seal.)
M. S. Palmer secty. (Seal.)

Note:

James Jordan Smith married into Susie Kelley's family. James was married to Mary F. Cumming on June 23, 1896 in Jefferson County, Georgia. Mary was a half sister to Susie's mother, Effie.

Looking at all of this, James and Mary Smith are the uncle and aunt that took in Susie when her father passed-away.

James was a Sheriff for Jefferson County, Georgia. He was born on January 31, 1873 in Jefferson County Georgia. His parents were Noah J. Smith and Laura Palmer. He died on February 19, 1935 in Augusta, Georgia.

Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
January 15, 1903

JOHNSTON-KELLEY.

Warthen, Ga., January 10. - (Special Correspondence Atlanta Journal.) - The marriage of Miss Corinne Kelley and Mr. Coy Johnston took place Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the old Hook's homestead, near this place. On account of illness in the family, the wedding was a very quiet affair, only the relatives and a few friends being present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Aquilla Chamlee, of Sandersville. The bride is the daughter of Mr. George Kelley. She is handsome and accomplished and numbers her friends by her acquaintance. She is a niece of the late Mr. Nathaniel H. Hooks, who was one of the most substantial and highly respected citizen of this section, and a very successful planter. Three of her brothers have achieved prominence in the medical profession, one of

whom, Dr. T. J. Kelley, is also a member of the house of representatives from Glascock county. The two families - Hooks and Kelley - are among the oldest and most prominent in the state. The groom is a young man of sterling character, prominent socially, and one of the prosperous business man of Luray, S. C. It is a source of deep regret to their many friends that they will make their future home at Luray, S. C.

Record: Abstract of Title
Alachua County, Florida
March 2, 1903

J. L. Kelley and wife Lilian M. of Alachua Co., Fla.
To
W. R. Thomas of Alachua Co., Fla.

Deed Book 57 page 343
Dated Mar. 2, 1903
Filed Mar. 3, 1903
Warranty Deed for \$1200.00

Grant, bargain, sell and convey:

Known in a plat of the Town of Windsor Alachua Co., Fla. (said plat being recorded in Deed Book S pages 242 and 243) as lots 13, 15 and 17 E Main St. Also all of Lots 13, 19, 21 Orange Ave & King St. Also the following described part of Lot 36 Green St. beginning at a stake cor in the SE cor of Orange Ave and Green St thence S along the E side of Green St. 122 ft to cor thence E/erly 726 ft along the N line of T. M. Windsor, L. A. Sullivan and C. D. Orr (said lots being known as a replat of Lot 36 & known as 2, 3, 4 and 6) to center line of Lot 11 to cor thence along the N line of said Lot 11 and Lot 13 E/erly to Lot 15, to cor thence N/erly to SE cor of Lot 6 E King St to Cor thence W/erly along the S line of said Lot 6 and Lot 4 E King St to cor thence N/erly along the W line of said Lot 4 to H. F. Brown lot to cor thence W/erly along the S line of said lot to Oak St to cor thence S/erly along the E side of said St. to SE cor of said Oak St & Orange Ave to cor thence W/erly along the S side of said Orange Ave to SE cor of Green St. & Orange Ave to Point of beginning; and other land.
Cont'g. 79.12 acres more or less.

Excepting the turpentine lease given P. H. Baker on the pine timber which will expire in Jan. 1906 and shall be in full force and complied with by the said W. R. Thomas.

Signed: J. L. Kelley (SEAL)
Lilian M. Kelley (SEAL)
In the presence of two witnesses.

Acknowledged with release of dower under separate examination using regular statutory words before H. C. Denton, C. C. C., by S. H. Wienges, D. C., Alachua County, Florida. SEAL.

Note: This deed shown for information only. See Deed Book U, page 554 for deed to C. D. Orr; Deed Book V, page 220 for deed to Mrs. Frances M. Windsor; and Deed Book V, page 416 for deed to L. A. Sullivan.
"Abstracter"

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Note:

These records are abstract. This means that the records maybe condense and are not original records. They are helpful and would do good for farther research. I'm not sure when this project was worked on. It was done by the Florida Land Title Association. Abstract of title no. 98205. Prepared by Alachua County Abstract Company, Gainesville, Florida. At request of: Schackow, Smith and McGalliard, Attorneys; attention: Frederick Smith.

Newspaper: The State
Columbia, South Carolina

July 13, 1903

FACTS FROM LURAY

Many Notes of Interest from a Live Town in Hampton.

Special to The State.

Luray, July 11. –

Capt. Geo. W. Kelley of Windsor, Fla., is on an extended visit to his daughters, Mrs. Coy Johnston and Mrs. C. E. Johnston.

Newspaper: Chronicle

Augusta, Georgia

September 11, 1903

Inquired After the Old Timers

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Capt. George W. Kelley, Former Resident of Glascock, Returns to the Scenes of His Childhood.

-

Hale and Active at 75 Years

-

His Old School Day Chums, of Whom He Inquired, Are All Over Eighty and Still Living - His Business Hunt for Gold in Florida.

A gentleman who has not been in Augusta in years, who was a native of Glascock county three-quarters of a century ago and who made his first visit to Augusta in a private vehicle, was a pleasant visitor here yesterday. He was Capt. George W. Kelley of Gainesville, Florida.

It was about a quarter of a century ago that Capt. Kelley removed from Georgia to Florida. He is the father of Representative T. J. M. Kelley of Glascock, and is on a visit to relatives in South Carolina and Georgia. He came from South Carolina yesterday, spending the day in the city, and left on the Augusta Southern yesterday afternoon for Jefferson county.

In conversation with several citizens living down the line of the Augusta Southern, he inquired particularly of some of the old men of that section with whom he ran when he was a boy.

Capt. Kelley himself will be 75 years old in November, and the men of whom he inquired are all his seniors but are in a remarkable state of good health, notwithstanding their old age.

Rev. John Caw, Warren County, 97 years old.

A. J. Chambers, Glascock County, 83 years old.

Ezekiel Weathers, Glascock County, 82 years old. Jonathan Baker, Warren county, 82 years old. Capt. Kelley, Capt. George W. Peacock ex-mayor of Tennille, and the late Major Edward S. Langmade, then a prominent lawyer of Sandersville, were the leaders of the Washington county party which took a cruise to the island of LaCosta at the lower end of Florida to hunt for the gold treasure alleged to have been buried there by Capt. Kidd.

Capt. Kelley was so well pleased with Florida that he remained there later, and has been a resident of that state for over a quarter of a century.

He is back in Georgia again visiting old scenes, renewing old acquaintances and to again revel in the scenes of his childhood. He is very active and energetic for a man of his advanced age.

Note:

I was able to find the story about a party came together to search for the golden treasure, and George W. Kelley joined that group. This was printed in the newspaper called The Macon Telegraph dated January 12, 1898.

**Newspaper: The Augusta Chronicle
Augusta, Georgia
September 26, 1903**

GIBSON.

Gibson, Ga., Sept. 25. – (Special.) –

Mr. Geo. W. Kelley, of Gainesville, Fla., is here with kindred for a while.

**Newspaper: The Sandersville Herald
Sandersville, Georgia
December 10, 1903**

PERSONAL.

Dr. J. L. Kelley of Gainesville, Fla., joined his wife in the city, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. L. Cheatham, spending several days very pleasantly here and at Gibson.

**Newspaper: The Gainesville Star
Gainesville, Florida
July 26, 1904**

PERRY M. COLSON APPOINTED

Will Sell Espanola Lumber Company Property.

At a meeting of the creditors of the Espanola Lumber Company, which was held at the office of Hon. W. H. Palmer, referee in bankruptcy, in this city Friday afternoon. Hon. Perry M. Colson, of this city, was selected as trustee of the property of the bankrupt company.

The plant is located at Prairie Creek, between this city and Rochelle, and is one of the most valuable plants of its kind in this section of the State. It was built by J. L. Kelley & Sons, after their old plant was destroyed by fire about two years ago, but at the time of the failure was owned by other parties, and managed by A. J. Patterson.

Trustee Colson will proceed as soon as possible to sell the property for the benefit of the creditors.

**Newspaper: Augusta Chronicle
Augusta, Georgia
October 23, 1904**

MR. ROBERT C. LANSDALL WEDS MISS AMABEL KELLEY

Baptist Church at Gibson Scene of Very Pretty Wedding Last Wednesday.

Gibson, Ga., Oct. 23 – (Special.) – On last Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock the Baptist church here was the scene of a very pretty and happy marriage when Mr. Robert Cody Lansdell of Hephzibah, and Miss Amabel Kelley of Gibson plighted their vows. The sacred ceremony was performed in a simple and impressive manner by the Rev. T. J. Cummings of Warrenton, who has been the pastor of this church for a long time and is also the bride's grandfather.

The church was tastefully and elaborately decorated with palms, ferns, vines, pot plants and cut flowers.

Messrs. Herbert A. Williams and Thomas A. Walden, handsome and gallant gentlemen, acted as ushers.

As the sweetly solemn and impressive strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, under the artistic touch of Miss Florine Logne, pealed forth, the flower girl, pretty little Miss Lucile Hanna, entered by the left aisle, followed by the bride with her maid of honor, Miss Susie Hooks, while the groom entered by the right aisle with his best man, Mr. Milo Kitchens.

The bride was charmingly gowned in navy blue silk and white applique trimmed with white silk lace. She wore a becoming white hat trimmed with ostrich plumes and carried La France roses.

The maid of honor wore white organdie over white taffeta, trimmed with Valenciennes lace and white satin ribbon, and carried Marechal Niel roses.

Both the bride and the groom are prominently connected and deservedly popular with a large circle of friends, which was attested by many valuable and useful presents.

The bride is a niece and ward of Dr. T. J. M. Kelley and is a young woman of attractive person possessing many graces of mind and heart. Mr. Lansdell is a young man of sterling qualities of honor and industry. He is a successful planter who has won a reputation by growing melons on a large scale.

The happy couple accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith, Miss Susie Kelley, Mrs. E. A. Bissonette, Miss Lillie Lansdell, Miss Florine Logne, little Miss Walden and Mr. Adair Lansdell, left Gibson on the 5 o'clock train for Hephzibah where a hearty reception was given the party at the spacious and hospitable home of Mrs. Lansdell, the groom's mother.

This excellent couple have assumed this happy relation under suspicious skies and with the best wishes of all who know them.

**Newspaper: The Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
January 2, 1905**

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Matters of General Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Captain G. W. Kelley of Rochelle was among the visitors to this city yesterday. He has just returned from a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in Georgia and South Carolina, and reports a pleasant time.

Hon. W. M. Holloway, county superintendent-elect, returned yesterday from Jacksonville, where he has been in attendance at the meeting of the Southern Educational Board and Florida State Teachers' Association. Prof. Holloway expects to make his departure tomorrow for Tallahassee, where on Tuesday he will be inaugurated into his new and highly responsible office. He states that he dislikes very much to leave Gainesville and his friends here, and shall always remember them kindly. Prof. Holloway will transfer the affairs of his county office to his successor, Dr. J. L. Kelley, before his departure.

**Newspaper: Baltimore American
Baltimore, Maryland
February 27, 1905**

Funerals

Mrs. Frances M. Windsor. – The funeral of Mrs. Frances M. Windsor, widow of John H. Windsor, who died last Thursday at Sandersville, Ga., took place yesterday from the residence of her son, Jay H. Windsor, 1728 Druid Hill

avenue. Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Deems, of Philadelphia. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. W. Denny, Prof. J. H. Deems, L. Windsor, M. P. McGinniss, E. R. Loweree and J. F. McGinniss. The interment was in the family lot in Loudon Park Cemetery. Martin Fahey & Sons had charge of the funeral.

Note:

Frances Maria *Crawford* Windsor was the mother of Lilian Mae *Windsor* Kelley.

Newspaper: The Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
March 6, 1905

KNEW JONES' FATHER

Captain Kelley Served in Confederate Army in Jones' Regiment.

Captain G. W. Kelley and Sam Jones "got together," to use the expression, Thursday, and for the first time in many years. It was a most agreeable meeting, since they had not seen each other for many years - when Captain Kelley held a commission in the Twenty-second Georgia regiment, of which Sam Jones' father was colonel, and Sam, then a boy of twelve years, was a marker. Strange to say, however, Mr. Jones as a youth remembered Captain Kelley as an officer, and for a time the two gentlemen, in which there is such a vast difference in age, enjoyed a pleasant chat together over "old times." They talked of various engagements, in some of which they were victorious, in others unsuccessful. Both were glad to meet, and their conversation over several episodes and incidents would have proved of deep interest to any person, as both have undergone thrilling experiences.

Note:

Sam Jones's father was named John Joseph Jones. His father and George Washington Kelley, Sr. served together in the 22nd Regiment of Georgia Volunteers during the civil war.

Samuel Porter "Sam" Jones was born on October 16, 1847, in Oak Bowery, Alabama, the son of Nancy "Queenie" Porter and John Joseph Jones, a lawyer and businessman. After his mother's death in 1855, Jones moved with his family to Cartersville, Georgia, where he grew up and lived for most of his life.

https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/arts-culture/sam-jones-1847-1906/?fbclid=IwAR33KG7hw2TRaNPbZ_Pv2B940jf09DxkRbSuyCeUkMqo8pJoqyCwYHkv9F4

Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
June 28, 1905

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Matters of General Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Mrs. James Holder and children of Rochelle are guests of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Kelley.

Newspaper: The Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
July 6, 1905

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Matters of General Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. James and children passed through the city yesterday en route from Rochelle to Worthington Springs, where they expect to recuperate for a few days. Mr. Holder, who has been engaged for some time in the naval stores business at Rochelle with J. D. Pope, has sold his interests, and has purchased a business with J. J. Phillips at Citronelle, between Dunnellon and Crystal River. The new firm is one of the most extensive naval stores firm in the section, working thirty-five crops, with 15,000 acres of round timber. While Mr. Holder will have his business interests at Citronelle, he declares his heart will be here, and he promises to make his friends in this section regular visits.

Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
August 27, 1905

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Mrs. James Holder and children of Citronelle, who have been here for the past few days as guests of Mrs. Holder's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Kelley, returned to their home yesterday. They were accompanied by Miss Bessie Kelley, who will spend a short time at Citronelle.

Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
October 21, 1905

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Matters of General Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Mrs. J. L. Kelley and son, Lawrence, and grandchildren, Irene and Helen Holder, left yesterday for Citronelle, where they will be with Mrs. Kelley's daughter, Mrs. James Holder. Misses Irene and Helen, who are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Holder, have been on a visit here.

Mr. Holder Here.

James Holder, formerly of Rochelle, where he was engaged in the naval stores and mercantile business, but now residing at Citronelle, where he is a member of the firm of Knight & Holder, naval stores, is spending a few days in the city, a guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Kelley. This firm, which is already one of the most extensive in South Florida, is opening a new place of fifteen "crop" at Inglis, and expects to begin work in a few days.

Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
February 4, 1906

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Matters of General Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Allen R. Kelley of Citronelle were guests of relatives here yesterday. They came on business connected with the United States land office.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
June 7, 1906

LOCAL

Miss Susie Kelley is attending the closing of the school at Hephzibah.

Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
July 7, 1906

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Captain G. W. Kelley of Windsor was among the prominent visitors to Gainesville yesterday. He was a guest of his son, Dr. J. L. Kelley.

Newspaper: The Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
July 30, 1906

THE S. J. THOMAS CO.

A LARGE CROWD.

Many Gainesville People Take Advantage of Cheap Excursion Rates.

A number of Gainesville people, desirous of spending a few days in the beautiful mountain country of North Carolina, left Saturday for Asheville and vicinity via the Atlantic Coast Line, which was offering a specially low rate for a few days' limits.

Among those who went on this excursion were Mrs. O. B. Baily and son Ulrie, Mrs. J. L. Kelley and daughter Miss Bessie, Mrs. James Holder and two children, Miss Annie Williams, Mrs. E. J. Baird and daughters Miss Edith and Hattie, Miss Alma Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hall and Mrs. M. E. Tinsley.

Mrs. Kelley and daughter and Mrs. Holder and children will go to Swannanoa, while Mrs. Bailey and son will proceed to Toledo, Ohio, for several months as guests of the former brother, Geo. Warren.

Note:

It is clear that Annie was good friends with James and Lilian Kelley, perhaps she even lived with them. There was something very tragic happened to Annie some years from this date. Please look at "The Palatka News", dated July 18, 1913.

Newspaper: The Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
September 6, 1906

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Matters of General Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Dr. J. L. Kelley left yesterday for North Carolina, having been summoned by wire on account of the illness of his father, Captain G. W. Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Holder and Miss Bessie Kelley have returned from a most delightful visit to the mountains of North Carolina, and feel greatly benefited. Mrs. Dr. J. L. Kelley is still at Swannanoa, N. C., where she is enjoying good health, and where she expects to remain for the next three or four weeks.

**Newspaper: The Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
September 15, 1906**

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Matters of General Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Dr. J. L. Kelley has received information that his father, Capt. G. W. Kelley, who has been quite ill at Luray, S. C., with heart disease, is very much improved. This will be gratifying information to his many friends throughout this section.

**Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
February 6, 1907**

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Matters of General Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Mrs. J. L. Kelley has returned from a brief but pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. Hartwell Kelley at Rochelle.

**Newspaper: The Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
May 30, 1907**

A SERIOUS FIRE LOSS

Two Stills and Large Quantity of Spirits and Resin Burned.

From Tuesday's Daily Sun.

Two turpentine stills, one carload of spirits and one carload of resin is the aggregate of James Holder's loss by fire on Friday night of last week at his place at Citronelle. The money value will reach \$5,000, with no insurance.

The information received here was incomplete, hence the origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. Holder was for many years engaged in the mercantile and naval stores business at Rochelle, and his friends in this community deeply sympathize with him in this severe misfortune.

**Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
July 14, 1907**

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Capt. G. W. Kelley is in the city on a visit to his son, Dr. J. L. Kelley. Capt. Kelley will remain in Gainesville for several days.

Nearly all of the schools have been supplied with teachers and Dr. Kelley, county superintendent says that he will soon have the list ready for publication. Dr. Kelley has been very busy securing teachers to supply all his demands.

**Newspaper: The Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
July 22, 1907**

Captain G. W. Kelley left yesterday for Luray, S. C., where he expects to spend several weeks as a guest of his daughters. Mesdames Johnston.

**Newspaper: The Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
August 29, 1907**

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Matters of General Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Dr. J. L. Kelley has returned from Swannanoa, N. C., where he has been with his wife for the past few days. He reports a fine time, and has promised to give the Sun an account of his vacation. Friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Kelley's health is greatly improved.

**Newspaper: The Gainesville Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
September 16, 1907**

A CLEVER POEM.

Forest Kelley Tells a Thing or Two About Men and Old Shoes.

Forest Kelley, the clever young son of Dr. J. L. Kelley, who is assisting his father in the office of County Superintendent of Public Instructions, occasionally has a few moments to spare, which he devotes to literature of his own composition, and this is his last efforts, which is very good:

Man and His Shoes.

How much a man is like his shoes – For instance, both a sole may lose; Both have been tanned; both are made tight by cobblers; both get left and right; Both need a mate to be complete, and both are made to go on feet. They both need heeling, oft are sold, and both in time, will turn to mould. With shoes, the last is first., and with man, the first shall be the last. When shoes wear out they are mended new; When men wear out, they are men dead, too. They both are trod upon, nothing loath; Both have their ties, and both incline. When polished, in the world to shine.

Note:

Forrest Kelley was about 24 years old when he wrote this poem.

**Newspaper: The Gainesville Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
September 25, 1907**

Miss Ethel Kelley, niece of Dr. J. L. Kelley, has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives and friends in Georgia. She was accompanied on her return by her sister, Miss Susie of Louisville, Ga., who will be here for several weeks.

**Newspaper: The Gainesville Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
October 2, 1907**

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Matters of General Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Hugh Kelley has returned from Citronelle, where he has been on a visit to relatives.

Notes:

This is my great grandfather, Hugh Lawrence Kelley. To make this a solid fact, look at the Gainesville newspaper dated July 5, 1908. That shows him to be working for James Holder.

Hugh was away from his uncle James Lawrence Kelley, his guardian since June 1907. Look at the letter that James wrote to judge Mason dating July 12, 1911.

His sister (Ethel) was later married to James Irving Woodard the following year. They married May 20, 1908 in Inverness, Citrus County, Florida. Citronelle made mentioned here is in Citrus County and is not too far from Inverness.

**Newspaper: The Gainesville Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
November 14, 1907**

Captain Kelley's Condition.

Dr. J. L. Kelley returned yesterday from Luray, S. C., where he was called a few days ago on account of the illness of his father, Captain Kelley. He reports the condition of his father none too encouraging as his age is against him, but trust that he will soon be enabled to give a better report. Dr. Kelley desired to remain longer, but realizing that his educational duties here were important, he decided to return, but may have to leave again for Luray at any moment. It is to be hoped that he will soon have a favorable report.

**Newspaper: The Gainesville Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
November 21, 1907**

CAPTAIN KELLEY IS DEAD.

Old and Highly Respected Citizen Passed Away in Luray, S. C.

A telegram was received in this city last night from Dr. J. L. Kelley, announcing the death of his father, Captain George W. Kelley, which sad event occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Johnson, Luray, S. C., Wednesday.

Deceased was eighty years of age, and was one of the oldest and most widely known residents of Alachua county. He was born in Georgia, but about twenty ago removed to this section, settling at Windsor. He has been very active in the development of the county, and was noted for his ambition and energy.

Deceased is survived by four sons, Dr. J. L. Kelley of this city, Dr. Thomas Kelley of Gibson, Ga., A. R. Kelley of Citronelle, and L. W. Kelley of Windsor, and two daughters, Mesdames Coy Johnson of Seminole, S. C., and C. H. Johnson of Luray, S. C., to whom the sympathy of the community is extended.

**Newspaper: Sun
Gainesville, Florida
November 25, 1907**

Captain Kelley's Funeral

The funeral of Captain Geo. W. Kelley, the sad death of whom occurred at the home of his daughter in Seminole, South Carolina, was held at Windsor last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Thos. P. Hay, of the First Presbyterian church of this city, officiating.

The pallbearers were J. D. Matherson, W. D. Dickinson, J. P. Bunch, A. J. Rosborough, John Torode, J. R. Zetrouer, all old friends of the deceased

The floral decorations were numerous and beautiful. The ladies of South Carolina supplied many handsome floral tributes which were placed on the coffin, and the J. J. Finley Chapter, U. D. C., and the Colfax Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., also sent handsome designs, which were highly appreciated by the family.

The remains arrived over the Seaboard, arriving at Fairbanks about noon Thursday. They were met there by the hearse and pallbearers, who accompanied them to Windsor. The interment was held in the old family burying-ground, where a large gathering awaited the corpse, among whom were many colored people, old servants and friends of the deceased, who was quite popular with all.

The sympathy of the community is extended to relatives of the deceased in their hour of affliction.

Captain Kelley was a Mason ~~and was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.~~

**Memorial Book,
United Confederate Veterans, Stonewall Camp Number 1438
Gainesville, Florida
1907
Page 139**

In Memoriam

Comrade George Washington Kelley was called to his reward on the 11th day of November, 1907 (he died November 20th) He was at Luray, South Carolina (actually at Seminole, 8 miles from Luray) where he was on a visit, when he passed away. He was born in Warren County, Georgia on the 9th day of November, 1828, and was 79 years and 2 days of age when he died.

In 1861 he joined the 22nd Georgia Infantry, Wrights Brigade, and served throughout the war with the Army of Virginia, and underwent a great many hardships. Was engaged in many battles.

Comrade Kelley reside at Windsor in this county from the year 1885 (really it was 1883) until his death in 1907, and he was at all times a regular attendant upon meetings of this Camp, and was faithful and loyal to his duties.

He leaves to mourn his passing -- Dr. James Lawrence Kelley, of Gainesville, Florida, Lee Warthen Kelley, of the State of Washington, Lanie Elizabeth *Kelley* Hooks, of Augusta, Georgia, Mrs. Coy Johnston (Laura Corinne *Kelley* Johnston), of Luray, South Carolina, and Mrs. Johnston (Lillian Pauline *Kelley* Johnston), of Luray, South Carolina. (Overlooked and living at the time were Thomas Jefferson Marion Kelley and Susan Frances *Kelley* Turnley.)

**Newspaper: Chronicle
Augusta, Georgia
C1908**

SHORT SKETCH OF AUTHOR OF BALLOT REFORM BILL

Dr. Kelley, of Glascock, Is Very Much Elated Over the Passage of the Measure.

DR. THOMAS J. M. KELLEY.

Dr. Thomas J. M. Kelley, of Glascock, the author of the Australian ballot bill which passed the house Tuesday, has devoted most of his time since being in the legislature, to the study of this question.

Dr. Kelley was born at Gibson, April 15, 1855. His father was George W. Kelley, a prominent planter of Glascock County. Dr. Kelley, though a physician, has been successful both as a farmer and a dealer in stock, and he is a leader in his county and a political factor in the tenth district.

Dr. Kelley has made a close study of ballot reform, and has brought his bill before the legislature now for the third time, it having been lost previously. It passed the house Tuesday, however, by a large vote, and there is every probability that it will pass the senate and become a state law.

Besides his work for ballot reform, Dr. Kelley has been active in other directions in the house, having supported several notable measures. He is very much elated over the passage of the measure.

Note:

This newspaper clipping was in the Kelley family history book, "Kelley of Glascock". I took it upon myself to correct the spelling from Kelly to Kelley. Maybe, we may find the exact date of the clipping.

**Newspaper: The Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
March 9, 1908**

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Dr. J. L. Kelley and L. E. Dean Buy Property of Geo. W. Scofield.

Dr. J. L. Kelley has purchased the cottage of Geo. W. Scofield. West McCormick street, which has been occupied by the Mr. and Mrs. Scofield for the past year. It is a neat home of seven rooms, and one of the most conveniently arranged in the city.

Mr. Scofield has also sold to L. E. Dean six lots on West McCormick street, and Mr. Dean expects to erect a nice house at once preserving five as an investment. Work will begin on the new home as soon as material can be gotten together, as the contract for same has been let. It will be a neat house of about eight rooms and one which will prove a credit to that section of the city.

**Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
July 5, 1908**

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Matters of General Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Hugh Kelley of Citronelle, is in the city on a visit to relatives. He is employed in the naval stores business of James Holder. Friends are glad to have him with them for a few days.

Note:

This is Hugh Lawrence Kelley, the person of my interest. It is clear that he was not living in the household of his uncle around these times. It is believed that Hugh was living in Citronelle since June 1907.

Look at the Gainesville newspaper dated October 2, 1907, also the letter that James wrote to judge Mason dated July 12, 1911.

Newspaper: The Cartersville News

Cartersville, Georgia
August 20, 1908

OLD COMPANY "G."

A Notable Company Reunion Last Week in Floyd County.

Rev. A. P. Jones, of Rome, was in the city for a few days this week. He came over to attend the Jones family reunion at the Robert Jones Memorial church and preach the open sermon of the series of services at the new chapel last Sunday morning. Mr. Jones was an attendant last week at an important meeting of his old company G. of the 22d Georgia regiment. The reunion was held at Lindale Baptist church, formerly the old Silver Creek church, the spot where the company was first organized. There were only nine of the old company present. Our own Billy Mountcastle was one of the number. There were six of the Jones brothers in the company and three of them commanded the company as captain. These were Robert H. Jones afterwards colonel of the regiment, John Jones, who was the father of the late Rev. Sam P. Jones, and W. F. Jones. A year ago at their reunion the old company survivors placed a tablet at the spot where the organization of the company took place. This company went from Floyd county to Big Shanty and there was assigned to the 22d Georgia regiment. It saw, first and last, a great deal of the hardest fighting that was done on Virginia fields.

Newspaper: Ocala Evening Star
Ocala, Florida
September 10, 1908

Mr. And Mrs. W. J. Mixson of Dunnellon, Mr. H. L. Kelley and Mr. J. K. Kelley of Inverness, were guests of the Ocala House Last night.

Note:

This is hard to figure out who this might be. I thought this H. L. Kelley is my great grandfather, Hugh Lawrence Kelley. The reason this is difficult, is because who is J. K. Kelley? Hugh does not have any brothers or cousins (James Lawrence Kelley M. D.'s sons) with J. K. as their names.

This is my finding that I have now. I do believe this is James Keels Kelley, Sr., born September 1, 1875 in Manning, South Carolina and died March 10, 1961 in Ocala, Florida. He has a brother by the name Henry Leland Kelley, born October 1, 1871 in Sumter, South Carolina and died November 8, 1960 in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

This James Keels Kelley was working in the turpentine industry in Inverness, like James Holder. I find this to be very strange. Could he have known James Holder or even Hugh Lawrence Kelley? James and his brother were from South Carolina as well their family lineage came from.

Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
February 18, 1909

MORE GRANOLITHIC SIDEWALK BUILDING

SOUTHERMOST SECTION ALIVE TO NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS.

Dr. Kelley, J. F. Bunch and Many Others to Have Walks Built of This New Material.

Southwest Gainesville is among the sections of the city that is fast coming to the front in improvements, and the citizens in that section are alive to the fact that to make it attractive they must get busy.

The granolithic sidewalk fever has struck that section, and J. F. Bunch, Dr. J. L. Kelley and others will soon have this class of walk place around their premises. O. C. Tousey and many others are also contemplating having this work done within a short while.

Mrs. Witherspoon has just had granolithic walks placed around her property, and with what is now anticipated it will give all of that section fine walks, something they have never enjoyed heretofore, and make property more valuable in those quarters.

**Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
February 26, 1909**

NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

Matters of General Interest Gathered by Our Reporters.

Alfred Richardson is now engaged in laying a granolithic sidewalk for Dr. J. L. Kelley. He invites inspection. Price 85 cents per square yard, curb and gutter all up-to-date. All repair work done on short notice. Leave orders at Crawford 7 Davis stables.

**Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
June 6, 1909**

HISTORICAL RECEPTION

Tendered at Elegant New Home of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Kelley.

It would require a gifted pen to write of cordial and beautiful memorial reception held in honor of Jefferson Davis June 3rd, 1909.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Kelley courteously extended their first greeting to the daughters and their friends within the walls of their new and elegant home, 508 South Arredondo street.

The following ladies formed the receiving line: Mrs. J. L. Kelley, Mrs. J. W. Tench, Mrs. Jno. M. Taylor, State recording secretary, Mrs. J. W. Stephens, Lake City, State registrar, Mrs. W. J. Cook, Jacksonville, chairman Soldiers' Home, Mrs. J. L. Medlin and Miss Millie Adamson.

The occasion was one of the most interesting historical functions, to which the chapter leaves no stone unturned toward making a pleasure and delight. Their aim is to carry the hearts of our older women back to the glorious days of the Old South by song and story, and to awaken an interest in the hearts of the young for research into the lives and characters of the great men and women who made the history of this part of our country so courageous under trials, so magnificent under defeat and disappointment.

Much pleasure and enthusiasm was afforded by the presence of the guests of honor, Mrs. W. J. Cook, chairman of the Solders' Home, whose considerate care of the old veterans on all occasions is an inspiration, and Mrs. J. W. Stephens, upon whom our Daughters depend for the honor of being properly accredited in history on the Registrar's book of Florida Division, U. D. C..

The address of welcome by Mrs. Kelley, with her reading of historical papers, the beautiful letter of greeting from our much admired and beloved State President, Sister Esther Carlotta, the songs and music contributed by friends and joined in by the audience, added largely to the spirit of the evening. The song, "Florida, My Florida," words by our State president, to the tune of "Maryland, My Maryland," by Miss Titman and the young ladies, was greatly enjoyed.

The address on the life and character of Jefferson Davis, by an old Confederate veteran, Major John W. Tench, was appreciated, as it gave the statesman, the master and the home-life of Mr. Davis in such light that is appealed to the large audience.

The program was concluded with the singing of "Dixie."

Thus the delightful refreshments and social spirit of our people and visitors marked the one hundredth and first birthday of the South's greatest chieftain. Jefferson Davis.

**Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
June 20, 1909**

Linen Shower

Miss Bessie Bunch in honor of her friend and neighbor, Miss Bessie Kelley, tendered a reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Kelley on Saturday evening for another of the pretty June brides. The occasion was a linen shower for the bride-to-be, and the presents were all arranged in a large umbrella, the ribbons which threw the umbrella and showered the bride being pulled by Misses Williams and Bunch. Many choice gifts by loving friends were presented, and after a careful inspection by the party they were invited to the dining-room, where a lovely nice course awaited them.

**Newspaper: The Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
August 4, 1909**

PRETTY RECEPTION FOR FACUATY AND STUDENTS

DR. AND MRS. J. L. KELLEY ENTERTAIN MONDAY NIGHT.

The Normal Is Now Hearing Its Close But Interest Has Not Flagged.

Friendship and hearty greetings have been extended to the faculty and students of the Summer Training School many times and in various modes of entertainment. But Monday night when Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Kelley threw open the doors of their new home in honor of the teachers of Southern Florida, the climax of hospitality was reached.

At eight o'clock, the receiving line consisting of Mesdames Kelley, Murphree, Floyd, Lynch and Misses Stevens and Shannon began to greet the guests, and in an hour the spacious and beautiful parlors filled with many of the brightest and most talented teachers of the State. Nothing that perfect forethought could anticipate was lacking. Mrs. Wilburn, the charming daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kelley, presided at the punch bowl. From the dining-room dainty and delicious refreshments were served consisting of sherbet, cream, cake, etc.

The hour sped by what lightning wings, as the merry and sparkling converse of friends made glad and light the heart of friend. The Gainesville Orchestra discoursed sweet music during the evening to the perfect delight of the music loving.

A most highly appreciated incident of the evening was the recitations by that queen among the young teachers, Miss Jessie Miller of Eden. Miss Miller is an artist. She not only possesses talent of the highest order, but she has the genius to develop that talent. One of the most prominent schools of Florida is trying to secure her services.

At eleven o'clock the guests dispersed, voting Dr. and Mrs. Kelley their sincere thanks for one of the most delightful evenings ever spent and carrying with them a tender feeling for Dr. Kelley and his charming family.

**Newspaper: Ocala Evening Star
Ocala, Florida
August 10, 1909**

OCALA OCCURRENCES

Mr. H. L. Kelley of Citronelle is a guest of the Montezuma.

Notes:

This hotel have some interesting history behind it. Originally it was known as “The Magnolia Hotel” that was completed in Ocala in the year 1884. It was a three-story masonry building that had electricity, gas and a plumbing system in that time. Then by 1893 it was known as “Montezuma” under the management of C. F. Brewer.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
August 26, 1909

LOCAL

Mrs. J. I. Woodard is visiting her sister, Miss Susie Kelley, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith.

Note:

This is Susie’s sister, Ethel *Kelley* Woodard.

Newspaper: The Gainesville Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
September 10, 1909

Earle Kelley, one of the faithful and efficient employee in the mechanical department of the Sun, left yesterday for his annual vacation, during which he will visit several points of interest principally Jacksonville, Atlanta and Daytona Beach. Upon his return, Earle will enter school, and this paper regrets to lose his services, as well as his companionship.

Newspaper: Ocala Evening Star
Ocala, Florida
November 12, 1909

Mrs. G. H. Kelley of Gainesville and Mrs. James Holder of Citronelle were guests of the Ocala House last night.

Newspaper: The Augusta Herald
Augusta, Georgia
March 9, 1911

DR. KELLEY KILLED BY PROF. H. JOHNSON AT TENNILLE

Principal of Tennille Institute Shot (Dr. T. M. Kelley) Near Post Office This Morning. Trouble Over Son’s Disciplining.

Sandersville, Ga. – Prof. H. Johnson, principal of the Tennille Institute, Tennille, Ga., shot and instantly killed Dr. T. M. Kelley of that city Thursday morning at 10:30 o’clock.

Details of the tragedy are meager. It seems that Mr. Kelley and the teacher had some words over the disciplining of the former’s son at school. The killing occurred opposite the post office and several were eyewitnesses. Mr. Johnson immediately surrendered and Sheriff Moye hurried over in his automobile, brought the prisoner and lodged him in jail here.

Excitement was rife for the time being, but everything soon quieted over.

Court is in session here and the grand jury will likely get an indictment this afternoon and the trial will probably occur Friday.

Note:

There’s a lot of typo errors in this story, and I made some corrections. The heading was incorrectly stating that Dr. T. M. Kelley was the one that killed the Professor N. H. Johnson.

Newspaper: Union Recorder
Milledgeville, Georgia
March 14, 1911

TRAGEDY AT TENNILLE.

Sensational Affair Occurs in Georgia Town.

Dr. T. M. Kelley, one of the most prominent physicians of Tennille, Ga., was shot and instantly killed by Professor N. H. Johnson, principal of the Tennille Institute, in front of Dr. Kelley's office.

There were no eyewitnesses, and the entire affair seems surrounded by more or less mystery.

It is known that Dr. Kelley and Professor Johnson had had a quarrel at the institute about the disciplining of Kelley's son, and it is supposed this led to the tragedy.

Both men are particularly prominent, and the affair created a great deal of excitement.

Record: Court letter James Lawrence Kelley to Judge H. G. Mason
Gainesville, Florida
July 12, 1911

Hon. H. G. Mason,
Probate Judge,

Dear Sir: -

As guardian of Hugh Kelley I beg to submit the following report. He is Twenty-one years of age and I beg to be relieved from the guardianship. Just after the death of his father, I took him to my home in March 1901 and kept him continuously till June 1907. During this time I clothed and fed him and I did the balance of my family. I sent him regularly to school until he left me. On Nov. 1, 1901 I received \$332.04, his part of the insurance on his father life. You will note from the report below that I have given him the benefit of interest this amount at 8%. I have charged him \$10 per month for board and clothes and it has cost me a much larger sum.

Hugh L. Kelley in account with J. L. Kelley, guardian,

		Dr.	Cr.
1901 Nov. 1,	By cash recd. From insurance		\$332.04
	By interest		\$159.38

			\$491.42
1907 June	To board and clothing	\$750.00	
1909	To cash	\$25.00	

		\$775.00	

Hoping that this report is satisfactory, I am,

Very respectfully,
J. L. Kelley

Note:

DR means debit and CR means credit.

There are reasons to believe that Hugh didn't get along with his uncle (James Lawrence Kelley), and there was a falling out with their relationship. It was known that when James passed-away on November 19, 1935, they were estranged from each other and Hugh didn't go to his funeral.

Newspaper: The Milledgeville News
Milledgeville, Georgia
September 15, 1911

Prof. Nathan H. Johnson, of Tennille, who was defendant in the case charging him with killing Dr. T. J. Kelley of that place last spring was acquitted in the trial ending last Friday. He came to Milledgeville immediately in company with Sheriff Moye and a party of friends, going from here to his old home in Dawson. Prof. Johnson was the recipient of many congratulation on the verdict of not guilty to the charge which was preferred against him.

Newspaper: Ocala Evening Star
Ocala, Florida
January 30, 1912

DUNNELLON DOTS

R. A. Williams, a popular Crystal Riverite, was in town last Friday, having escorted his best girl, the pretty Miss Susie Kelley, who has been visiting her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. James Holder at Citronelle, on her way home.

Note:

I strongly believe that this is Hugh Lawrence Kelley's sister. She has come down to visit at another time, as one newspaper stated in the Gainesville. Look at the news article, dated September 25, 1907.

Susie later married Freeman Ancel Whitaker in Georgia on November 25, 1915. Few years later Susie passed on January 12, 1918.

Newspaper: Ocala Evening Star
Ocala, Florida
June 11, 1912

CRYSTAL RIVER CLIPPINGS

Miss Alice Kelley, the charming guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Holder, of Citronelle, will return to Waycross, Ga., Friday.

Note:

This is Alice Kelley, Hugh Lawrence Kelley's sister. She was later married the same year that this article was written. She married William Leonard Parrish on November 14, 1912 in Ware County, Georgia.

Newspaper: Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
June 25, 1912

KELLEY SELF-STARTER CO'S. CAPITAL \$200,000

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LOCAL MAN'S INVENTION BOON TO AUTO WORLD.

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Corporation Formed to Manufacture Self-Starter Invented By G. Hartwell Kelley.

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The self-starter device invented by G. Hartwell Kelley, the well known crate mill operator, is destined to prove a boon to the automobile industry of the United States and will result in that gentleman being lauded for supplying the most satisfactory adjunct of this character known to the motor car world.

Mr. Kelley has been at work perfecting the plans for the invention for nearly three years, and the demonstration given in the car equipped by him were so satisfactory, and the character of the mechanism so simple, that all who have seen it are convinced that it is the greatest thing of the kind ever conceived.

Compressed air constitutes the principal involved in the Kelley self-starter. As soon as the motor of the car is put in motion the starter device begins the generation of compressed air, forcing it into a high-pressure reservoir, which can be placed on any part of a machine desired. The generator is so constructed that when the necessary pressure is accumulated in the reservoir, the charging automatically ceases. Supposing that the car is standing still – when the chauffeur desires to start his motor he simply presses his foot on the small pedal which protrudes through the floor of the car. This opens a valve and permits the compressed air in the reservoir to come in contact with an auxiliary air motor, which in turn becomes engaged with the car motor, causing it to rotate from fifteen to twenty-five revolutions, owing to pressure, and the main engine is then ready to propel the machine.

Another Great Feature.

Another great feature of the Kelley self-starter is the fact that it will do away with necessity for manual labor in inflating tires. When it is desired to inflate a tire a small air hose is connected to a valve on the reservoir, the other end attached to valve on tire rim, and the required inflation may be had in thirty seconds' time.

Company Organized.

Mr. Kelley, realizing the necessity of a large amount of capital in order to enable him to manufacture the device in quantities that will insure economy, did not experience the least difficulty in organizing a company, the capital stock of which will be \$200,000. Half of the stock was quickly taken by Gainesville citizens' affiliated with leading business enterprises of the city. The officers of the company are:

W. R. Thomas, president; M. H. DePass, vice-president; P. Miller, treasurer; Jno. W. Blanding, secretary; G. Hartwell Kelley (the inventor), general manager, and these gentlemen, together with Chas. D. Dennis and E. Lee Hughes, will constitute the board of directors.

It is possible that the half of stock not yet offered for sale will be placed on sale here.

Mr. Kelley left Wednesday for Washington and other points, and while away will have a car equipped with the device for demonstration purposes. The total weight of the Kelley self-starter is approximately one hundred pounds. It will entail no expense after installation. It possesses no bearings – nothing to wear out – and is operated solely by the motion of the car.

Note:

George Hartwell Kelley was the son of Dr. James Lawrence Kelley and Lilian Mae Windsor.

Newspaper: The Tampa Daily Times
Tampa, Florida
July 2, 1912

Apopka, Fla., July 2.-

Hugh Kelley paid a visit to his relatives in Gainesville last Sunday.

Newspaper: The Tampa Daily Times
Tampa, Florida
July 2, 1912

Apopka, Fla., Sept. 19.-

Dell Starbird and family, Misses Gertrude Crews, Irene, Lorine, Rachel and Lura May Moore, and Messrs Plummer Moore and Hugh Kelley went on a picnic to Rock Springs Thursday. It is said that the county is going to build a road out to this beautiful spot, and no doubt this will prove one of the show places of Apopka.

Newspaper: The Tampa Morning Tribune
Tampa, Florida
September 8, 1912

SOCIALDOINGS IN SOUTH FLORIDA

BROOKSVILLE

BROOKSVILLE, Sept. 7. – (Special)

Earl Kelley, one of the obliging clerks in the Brooksville Hardware & Supply Company's store, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Kelley, of Gainesville, Fla.

Newspaper: The Augusta Chronicle
Augusta, Georgia
October 11, 1912

DEATH YESTERDAY OF DR. J. T. M. KELLEY

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Died in Gibson, Ga., Where He Was Practicing Physician – Was at One Time a Representative of That County.

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Dr. Thomas J. M. Kelley, Sr., died yesterday at his home in Gibson, Ga., at 4:15 p.m. Dr. Kelley was fifty-eight years of age and was a practicing physician at the time of his death. He was also a former representative from Glascock county.

The death occurred after an illness of six weeks' duration. The funeral will be at Gibson. Dr. Kelley was a member of the Woodmen of the World, and this body will attend the funeral in a body.

He is survived by four sons, Messrs, Thos. J. M., Jr., Louis, Fred, and Harry; two daughters, Mrs. B. H. Hawkins of Atlanta and Miss Mary Hawkins; three brothers, J. L., Allen W. of Gainesville, Fla., and Lee; four sisters, Mrs. L. E. Hooks, Mrs. Fainley of Seattle, Mrs. Corrine Johnson and Mrs. Pauline Johnson of Loray, South Carolina.

Newspaper: Ocala Evening Star
Ocala, Florida
November 21, 1912

FIRE AT CITRONELLE

Information was received here Tuesday that the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Holder at Citronelle was burned Sunday night, but particulars are lacking. Mr. Holder has recently had a fine home erected in Gainesville, hence he will not be "out in the cold" by any means, but his hosts of friends will regret to learn of his misfortune. – Gainesville Sun.

Newspaper: Gainesville Sun (Gainesville Library Card Catalogue)
Gainesville, Florida
March 14, 1913

Kelley, Mr. Allen R. - 47
(Citronelle)

Brother of J. L. Kelley and died at his home. Buried in Windsor.

Note:

I want to get a copy of the actual newspaper clipping of this obituary. This was only transcribed from a card catalog. This was Allen Robert Kelley who was born in Warren County, Georgia on October 1, 1865. His parents were George Washington Kelley Sr. (1828-1907) and Susan *Kitchens* Kelley (1834-1867). His brother made mentioned here is Dr. James Lawrence Kelley.

Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
May 9, 1913

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

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Tuesday, May 6, 1913

Petition of H. L. Kelley, A. B. Fuller et al (and others) to open Dream Lake road from Apopka to Rock Springs received and laid over under the rules and referred to the Superintendent of Roads and Bridges and Commissioner Eldredge.

Newspaper: Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
July 17, 1913

OFFICERS ELECTED BY F. P. FLEMING CAMP, SONS OF VETERANS

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Francis P. Fleming Camp, Sons of Veterans, held the most enthusiastic meeting in its history at the Elks' Home Tuesday night, when many new members were received.

Officers were elected as follows; Dr. J. L. Kelley, commandant; C. Matheson, adjutant, re-elected; J. D. Stringfellow, first lieutenant commander; E. A. O'Neill, second lieutenant commander, W. S. McDowall quartermaster; W. R. McKinstry, treasurer; Dr. J. M. Dell Jr., surgeon; A. L. Jackson, color bearer.

Newspaper: The Palatka News and Advertiser
Palatka, Florida
July 18, 1913

MISS WILLIAMS STRUCK BY TRAIN

Meets Instant Death Near Swannanoa, N. C.

Was Sister of Capt. W. D. William of This City.

Miss Annie Williams of Gainesville was struck by a swift moving train while walking over a trestle near Swannanoa, N. C., last Saturday morning and instantly killed. Her neck was broken.

The deceased lady made her home with Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Kelley of Gainesville. On Thursday of last week, as has been her custom for many years, she accompanied Mrs. Kelley to Swannanoa, where the Kelley's had rented a cottage for the summer months. They reach their destination Friday afternoon. On Saturday morning, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Cheatham of Sandersville, Ga., her sister, and Miss Williams started for the store to make their first housekeeping purchases for their summer home. The distance to the store is something like a quarter of a mile and the road runs along the side of the railroad, which also crosses a long trestle the approach to which from the one end is from a curve. Miss Williams was some distance ahead of the other ladies and was walking the trestle. Her

companions saw the swift approaching train and called out a warning, which Miss Williams heard and attempted to heed. But she was too late to get out of reach and was struck, it is thought, by the steps of the engine. She was thrown a great distance, and when reached it was seen that her neck had been broken. Death was instantaneous.

The remains were brought to Florida the same afternoon by Mrs. Kelley and taken to Miss Williams' former home in Leesburg, where the funeral was held from the Presbyterian church on Sunday, conducted by Bishop H. C. Morrison of the M. E. church South. The interment was in the Leesburg cemetery.

Miss Williams was about 38 years of age and loved by all who knew her. She is survived by two brothers and two sisters. One of the brothers, Capt. W. D. William of this city, is conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line between Palatka and Rochelle, the other, Mr. John Williams, residing in the West. One of the sisters lives in Washington, the other, Mrs. Cook, in Miami.

Newspaper: The Tampa Times
Tampa, Florida
September 19, 1913

APOPKA.

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Apopka, Fla., Sept. 19. -

The Baptist Sunday school of Orlando came up to Apopka Thursday and were taken out to Wekiwa Springs by different conveyances, where they spent the day. The day was a fine fall one, and of course a good time was found at the Springs.

Dell Starbird and family, Misses Gertrude Crews, Irene, Lorine, Rachel and Lura May Moore, and Messrs. Plummer Moore and Hugh Kelley went on a picnic to Rock Springs Thursday. It is said that the county is going to build a road out to this beautiful spot, and no doubt this will prove one of the show place of Apopka.

Newspaper: Miami Daily Metropolis
Miami, Florida
November 26, 1913

MIAMI TEACHERS LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING IN KEY WEST DEC. 30

Florida Educational Association Will Convene in the Island City Next Month. - Dade County Teachers' Institute Will Be Held in Miami November 28 and 29.

Miami teachers are looking forward to a trip to Key West when on December 30 the annual meeting of the Florida Educational Association. Composed of all teachers and educational officers of the state, will be held. The dates of the meeting are from December 28 to January 1.

The program has a number of attractions. It is expected that U. S. Senator N. P. Bryan will deliver an address, and one of the prominent men from the agricultural department at Washington will fill a place on the program. Able addresses will be given by Superintendent Sheats, Dr. J. L. Kelley, president of the association, and Drs. Murphree, Conradi, Montague and Clifton. In addition to these men a number of prominent teachers, both men and women, will appear on the program.

After December 18th, programs will be ready for distribution. In the meantime, information can be obtained from Dr. J. L. Kelley, president, Gainesville, and Dr. W. F. Yocum, chairman executive committee, Tallahassee.

Dade County Institute

On Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29, the Dade County Teachers' association will be in session in the Central high school of Miami and a large attendance is anticipated. Dr. Conradi of the State College for women, is to be among the speakers, and a list of papers of exceptional quality has been prepared.

Symposiums on various subjects are expected to arouse much interest and an unusual feature will be the inspection of the Central school on Friday morning while the classes are in session. Every teacher in the county is expected to attend.

Newspaper: Miami Daily Metropolis
Miami, Florida
November 27, 1913

INTERESTING PROGRAM IS ARRANGED FOR THE STATE TEACHERS' MEET

Senator Bryan and Several College Presidents Will Deliver Addresses Before the State Convention to be Held in Key West During the Holiday Week.

Many prominent speakers, including United States Senator Bryan and the presidents of several colleges in Florida, will deliver addresses at the State Teachers' convention in Key West during the holidays. The program has just been issued by Dr. J. L. Kelley of Gainesville, president of the association, and is as follows:

Tuesday, December 30, 7:30 p.m.

Place to be supplied. Music... United States marine band Invocation
Address of Welcome
Response, W. J. Sears, superintendent Osceola county, Kissimmee
Annual address, Hon. W. N. Sheats, state superintendent of public instruction, Tallahassee
Address, Dr. J. L. Kelley, superintendent Alachua county and president of the association, Gainesville

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 9:30 a.m.

Music Invocation
"Training for Life work in the Rural Schools." Hon. Shelton Phillips, state inspector of rural schools Address, Dr. Knapp, field agent of department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.
"Rural School Problems in Florida," Hon. George M. Lynch, state inspector of schools

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2:00 p.m.

Department meetings
Department of high schools, W. B. Owen, Miami. Kindergarten and primary instruction, Mrs. C. S. June, chairman of kindergarten. Mrs. A. B. Currie, chairman primary department, West Palm Beach. Department of rural schools, G. M. Lynch, chairman. (To be organized at the meeting of the association)

Wednesday, Dec. 31 8:00 p.m.

Music
Address, Dr. A. A. Murphree, president of University of Florida Gainesville Address, Hon. N. P. Bryan United States senator from Florida, Jacksonville.

Thursday, January 1, 9:00 a.m.

Music, United States marine band Invocation
"The Teachers as a Force in Civilization," Dr. A. P. Montague, president Columbia college, Lake City "Peace Movement," Dr. Edward Conradi, president Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee Address, Dr. W. L. Clifton, president Sutherland college, Sutherland

Thursday, January 1, 2:00 p.m.

Business meeting

Thursday, January 1, 7:30 p.m.

Declamatory contest of representatives from Florida high schools

Note:

I didn't like how this newspaper was formatted. I wouldn't consider this typed in proper grammar. I think it was done in a hurry.

**Newspaper: The Ocala Banner
Ocala, Florida
November 28, 1913**

The State Educational Association's annual meeting is announced for December 30 to January 1, at Key West, with tickets good until the 6th. For all information, teachers are asked to address Dr. J. L. Kelley of Jacksonville or Dr. W. F. Yocum, Tallahassee.

Note:

I do not know why that this newspaper stating Dr. James Lawrence Kelley was from Jacksonville. He always lived in Gainesville since he and his family lived there in 1883. I'm wondering if he might be partly located in Jacksonville around the times holding public office.

**Newspaper: The Daily Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
December 11, 1913**

APOPKA ITEMS

Apopka, Dec. 9-

H. L. Kelley left a few days ago for St. Petersburg, where he will spend some time. Hugh is a good carpenter and will no doubt find plenty of work there to keep him busy.

**Newspaper: The Savannah Morning News
Savannah, Georgia
December 30, 1913**

The Name Kelley

QUESTION: "I would like to know something about the Kelley family," writes M. S. K. "From where and when they came, to America. Also description of their coat of arms, if they had one."

ANSWER: This is an extremely interesting family, both because of its origin in the old world and because of the record of the Kelley's and Kelly's in this country. Many persons suppose the name to be simply Irish, but there is reason to believe that it is of great antiquity in England. There is a parish of the name in Devonshire, England, from which some of the family have derived their name. It has been suggested that they "may look back beyond the Conquest and derive themselves from the ancient Britons." It is an interesting fact that the Irish and English Kelley's and Kelly's bear the same coat of arms, which would indicate descent from the same stock. It is also interesting that Kelly is the name of a manor in the hundred of Lifton, about six miles from Tavistock, England, which has been in the family since the reign of Henry II. The Kelley's have lived there ever since that time.

The name Kellie is supposed to have a different origin. It is a diminutive of Charles, and from the same diminutive, we get Kelson. Cail, from which is derived Cailly, is of Norman origin, and gives a name entirely different from Kelly or Kelley. So also is Kell, which has been adopted in England by certain Hebrews originally named Azekiel.

One of the most interesting first settlers of the name in this country was Thomas Kelley, who settled in New Jersey. He was a Presbyterian of Scotch-Irish parentage, and sailed up the Delaware river with his family in 1664. It is said that he left his native Ireland to escape Roman persecution. His son Thomas owned a large plantation called Ruff Land, and his grandson John was a major in the Revolution. He married Elizabeth Casteau, of Huguenot family, and their grandson, was William Darrah Kelley, the distinguished Congressman known for years as "the father of the house," in Washington. The coat of arms borne by the New Jersey Kelley, family is that of the Gallaway Kelley family in Ireland. It is described thus: Azure two Lions rampant, combatant argent, chained or supporting a tower triple turreted of the second. The crest: an enfield vert. The motto is "Turris fortis mihi Deus." (*God is my strong tower*)

Another first settler of the name Thomas Kelley, was one of the British troops in the French war of 1755. He was sent on an exploring expedition in that year and was taken prisoner by the Indians, He was tortured cruelly, but managed to escape, and finally made his home in Brentwood, New Hampshire. There he married Mary Edgerley. Thomas took up the calling of a seaman, and owned and sailed ships for many years. He was finally lost at sea in 1767. His son, William Kelley, of Brentwood, N.H., married Elizabeth Robinson and later Mary Eames. Descendants of this family are in Minnesota to-day.

Another sea captain who brought the lame froxtl the old world to the new was Joseph Kelly, of Norwich, Connecticut, who was born in 1690. He carried trade between the Barbadoes and New England for many years. He was probably of English parentage. His wife was Lydia Caulkins. Their descendants are to be found in Columbus, Cleveland and other cities of Ohio. Still another first settler of the name was John, who was born in Exeter, England, early in the seventeenth century. His son John was born in 1642 and made his home in Newbury, Massachusetts, where he married Sarah Knight and later Lydia Ames. Their son was John Kelley, who married Elizabeth Emery of West Amesbury now known as Merrimas, where many of the name still reside.

Notes:

This was from the Kelley of Glascock book author, Coy Kelley Johnston. He had this information from a newspaper clipping, and I'm not really sure how this newspaper clipping is formatted.

**Newspaper: The Morning Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
January 10, 1914**

FLORIDA TEACHERS RETURN FROM TRIP TO CUBAN CAPITAL

The rear guard of the Florida Educational association, in recent meeting at Key West, and later making a lengthy tour of Cuba, and its various places of interest, under the leadership of Dr. J. L. Kelley, superintendent of public instruction for Alachua county, reached Jacksonville yesterday on the last lap of their journey, en route home.

They report a delightful and instructive trip, and all are giving praise to everyone who came in contact with them or assisted them in seeing everything and learning all that they gained while gone.

They were the official guests of Cuba, and every city they visited paid them honors, and many of them passed them out with cheering and in vitation to come again.

President Kelley of the association was the recipient of a gavel made from the native woods of Key West Island, and of a handsome gold watch, the gift of the school enthusiasts, composing the association.

**Newspaper: The Morning Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
January 25, 1914**

APOPKA ITEMS

Apopka, Fla., Jan. 23.-
Leslie Wayte was in Orlando last Tuesday on business.

Hugh Kelley was a business visitor in Orlando last Tuesday.

Newspaper: The Morning Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
April 18, 1914

APOPKA ITEMS

H. L. Kelley returned this week from as extended trip along the Caloossiehatchie river.

Yesterday H. L. Kelley went to Zellwood to assist Contractor F. E. Zepp in building a bungalow for Mallery Dixon.

Newspaper: Miami Daily Metropolis
Miami, Florida
March 25, 1915

Noted Educators Are Visiting Miami Today

Two of Florida's well known educators are spending a day or two in Miami, having come to Miami for the convention of the Florida Press association. They are Dr. J. L. Kelley, county superintendent of Alachua county, and Capt. George Lynch, state inspector of rural schools.

Dr. Kelley is one of the best beloved educators in Florida, and during his visit here is the guest of his son, Earl Kelley. Capt. Lynch is visiting the various country schools in this district. With Supt. R. E. Hall and Dr. Kelley. He called upon Principal J. H. Workman at the Central school today.

Newspaper: The Morning Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
December 2, 1915

APOPKA NEWS ITEMS

Hugh Kelley came in Saturday after as absence of about nine months spent travelling through the North. He came from northern Minnesota and reports that the thermometer registered two below zero there before he left for the Sunshine State. He cannot stay away from Apopka, as the climate here appeals to him better than anywhere he can find.

Newspaper: The Morning Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
December 24, 1915

APOPKA ITEMS

G. A. Moore, Wm. McCall, Lee Lovell and Hugh Kelley were all doing jury service last week in Orlando.

Newspaper: Miami Daily Metropolis
Miami, Florida
May 26, 1916

SUDDEN DEATH IN GAINESVILLE OF MRS. J. L. KELLEY

Earl R. Kelley, traveling salesman for the Budge Hardware company, received word today of the death of his mother, Mrs. J. L. Kelley of Gainesville. He will leave on tonight's train for the family home to be with his father and brother and sister during the funeral, and will carry with him the deep sympathy of many friends, some of whom knew his mother and who have received the intelligence of her death as a personal grief.

The father Dr. J. L. Kelley, is candidate for state superintendent of public instruction and his arduous campaign has been lightened in many ways by the help of his wife. She took charge of his office in Gainesville, giving all business that came up the expert attention that only a person of her intelligence and tact could give. Through it all, too, her friends assert that she never took occasion to complain of her impaired physical condition, and, her illness which resulted in her death today was not deemed especially serious.

Friends of Dr. Kelley, knowing of the dependence and beautiful attachment between him and his wife in a marriage of more than forty years, are earnestly praying that the bereavement will not be more that he can bear.

Newspaper: The Florida Times-Union
Jacksonville, Florida
May 27, 1916

DEATH OF MRS. KELLEY IN GAINESVILLE HOME

Gainesville, May 26. – (Special) – Mrs. J. L. Kelley, wife of Dr. J. L. Kelley. Prominent in state educational affairs, died suddenly of heart failure at her home in Gainesville early this morning. Mrs. Kelley was prominent in all of the civic activities which go to make for the happiness and comfort of the community in which she lived, was an earnest and loyal member of the First Baptist church of this city.

Newspaper: The Tampa Tribune
Tampa, Florida
May 27, 1916

WIFE OF DR. J. L. KELLEY PASSED AWAY AT HOME

Aged Woman Goes to Her Reward – Dr. Kelley Called Home From Campaign in West Florida

GAINESVILLE, May 26. – (Special) – Mrs. J. L. Kelley, wife of Dr. J. L. Kelley, died at her home here this morning after a brief illness. She was sixty years old. Dr. Kelley who is a candidate for State Superintendent of Schools was called home Tuesday from West Florida, where he was meeting the people in the cause of his candidacy. But the loss of his wife, Dr. Kelley will not be able to fill any other dates before the primary.

Newspaper: The Florida Times-Union
Jacksonville, Florida
May 28, 1916

GAINESVILLE NOTES

Gainesville, May 27.

The funeral of Mrs. Dr. J. L. Kelley whose death occurred early yesterday morning will be held at her late home. 508 South Arredondo Street, at 10 o'clock a.m. Sunday morning and interment will be made in the family burying grounds at Windsor, this county at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The funeral services will be held by Dr. N. B. O'Kelly, pastor of the First Baptist church of which Mrs. Kelley was a member, assisted by Rev. C. P. Thornton of the Advent Christian Church.

Newspaper: The DeSoto County News
DeSoto County, Florida
June 1, 1916

WIFE OF DR. J. L. KELLEY DIES AT GAINESVILLE.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Prof. George M. Lynch, principal of the DeSoto County High School, received a telegram late yesterday afternoon announcing the sad death of the wife of Dr. J. L. Kelley, a candidate for the democratic nomination for state superintendent of public instruction.

Mrs. Kelley was taken quite sick last Tuesday while the doctor was campaigning in the western part of the state. He immediately returned to Gainesville, to be with her, and she became so much better that her son left for Jacksonville Thursday, on matters of business. Mrs. Kelley, however, took a relapse and died Friday morning.

Mrs. Kelley was a woman much beloved by all who knew her. She was a member of the famous Windsor family, of Virginia, was highly educated, being a regular contributor to several magazines of national reputation.

Her death came as a shock to the many friends of Dr. Kelley in this part of the state, and he has their sincerest sympathy in this his greatest of all bereavements.

Newspaper: Ocala Evening Star
Ocala, Florida
July 14, 1916

OCALA OCCURRENCES

J. K. Kelley received a message from the John Hopkins hospital, at Baltimore, to the effect that our fellow townsman, D. A. Clark had been operated on and that the operation was in every way a success and Mr. Clark is doing well. – Inverness Chronicle.

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Record: Wills
Alachua County, Florida
July 18, 1916 – Filed date

Lillian M. Kelley

Will = State of Florida Alachua County

I Lillian M. Kelley, of Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida, being of sound mind, memory and discretion, yet mindful of the uncertainty of human life, do hereby make this last will and testament.

First: It is my will and desire that my Executor hereinafter named shall pay all of first obligations should there any, as soon after my decease.

Secondly: I give devise and bequeath unto my husband Dr. J. L. Kelley, to be held in trust, during his life my home #508 South Arredondo St. Gainesville, Florida, also my bedding, land household and Kitchen furniture, during his life unless at any time, in his Judgment it is best to sell all or part of said property in such event an equal division of the proceeds shall be made among my husband and children Bell K. Holder, Aubry T. - G. H. - F. M. - G. Lawrence and Bessie Wilburn.

Third: It is my will that my wearing apparel shall be divided among my two daughters Bell and Bessie.

Fourth: In event any of my children shall die after issue, then their children are to share their part.

Fifth: It is my will and I appoint my husband Dr. J. L. Kelley as my Executor or Trustee during his lifetime except in the event he should marry a second time and that event my son G. H. Kelley shall act jointly with him.

Sixth: It is my will and I appoint my son G. H. Kelley Executor or Trustee in the event my husband J. L. Kelley should die before my estate is closed out and divided.

Seventh: In the event of the death of my son G. H. Kelley before the closing up of my estate in that it is my will that my son A. T. Kelley act as Executor or Trustee in his place.

Lillian M. Kelley

In witness whereof, I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my last will and testament at Gainesville, Florida, on this 5th day of August A. D. 1914.

The said Lillian M. Kelley, at said Gainesville, Florida signed, sealed, published and declared this as and for her last will and testament, in our presence and at her request we signed the same as subscribing witnesses hereto on this 5th day of August A. D. 1914

E. F. Corbett
M. S. Cheeves
S. H. Wienges

(Filed July 18, 1916.)
(H. G. Mason)
(Co Judge)

Estate of Lillian M. Kelley

In court of the County Judge Alachua County state of Florida, personally appeared before H. G. Mason county judge for the county aforesaid. M. S. Cheeves one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing paper writing, who, living duly sworn declaring and says that Lillian M. Kelley did in his presence, sign, seal and publish the foregoing paper writing as and for her last will and testament and that he the said witness signed the same as a subscribing witness at the special request of said testator and that the said testator signed said paper writing in the presence of E. F. Corbett, S. H. Wienges and this affiant who likewise signed said paper writing as subscribing witnesses in the presence and at the request of the testator and also in the presence of this affiant and that he verily believe said paper writing to be the true last will and testament of said testator.

Sworn to and subscribed before me }	M. S. Cheeves
Me this 18 day of July 1916 }	
H. G. Mason County judge }	

Newspaper: Ocala Evening Star
Ocala, Florida
July 21, 1916

OCALA OCCURRENCES

Messrs. Geo. W. Scofield and J. K. Kelley of Inverness were in town today.

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Record: Florida National Guard Roll of Service Mexican Border, 1916-1917 **Florida Department of Military Affairs**

In 1916, a continuing and chaotic revolutionary situation in Mexico spilled over the American border in Texas and New Mexico. President Woodrow Wilson mobilized a large number of state National Guard units to provide protection for America's southwestern borderlands. Among those units mobilized was the 2nd Florida Infantry Regiment. They were called to federal service on the 19th, of June 1916. After filling their ranks with volunteers

from the 1st Florida and with new recruits and after receiving necessary equipment, the regiment was dispatched to Laredo, Texas.

Service on the Border was not terribly exciting. After establishing fortified camps, the Florida men spent their mornings on cross-country hikes and patrols and their afternoons in close order drills. The 2nd Florida returned to their homes during the early summer of 1917 and were mobilized for service in World War I in August, almost before they had settled back into their neglected civilian careers. Virtually all of the Florida Guardsmen who served on the border returned to national duty as part of the 124th Infantry Regiment, 31st Division, 1917-1918.

(Selected excerpts from "Florida's Army; Militia, State Troops, National Guard 1565-1985" by Robert Hawk (Englewood; Pineapple Press, 1986)

Roster of Company M. 2nd Florida Infantry, during period of Federal Service July 5, 1916 to March 17, 1917

Name	Rank	Home Station	Date Muster In	Date Muster Out
Archer, West D.	Capt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	Oct. 15, 1916
Wigginton, Junius T.	1st Lt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Green, Guilford	2nd Lt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
McNulty, John T.	1st Sgt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
St. John, Rex E.	QM Sgt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Pope, Youel G.	Sgt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Schneidman, William	Sgt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Cooley, Emmett L.	Sgt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Co. F
Gibson, Walter C.	Sgt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Northrup, Thomas J.	Corp	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Co. I
Darnold, Ray W.	Corp	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 7, 1917
Mitchell, Harry	Corp	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Rothar, Joseph H.	Corp	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Hammer, Dee	Mus	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Montgomery, Harry	Art	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Acker, Henry C.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Adderly, George Butler	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Adgate, Joseph J.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Allen, Edward C.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Allen, Harold M.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Andreu, Emanuel P.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Andrews, Louis N.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	Dec. 12, 1916 des.
Angelis, Harry	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Appleton, Claude M.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Arrant, Charles W.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Benton, Harry	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Bethea, Ulysess S.	Pvt.	Kendal, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Boyd, Barnett	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Boyd, Barnett	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Boyd, Marcellus	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Broom, Cauthan D.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Co. I
Byrne, Patrick J.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Carter, Fred K.	Pvt.	Larkins, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Chappell, George G.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Chubb, Greer B.	Pvt.	Princeton, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Conroy, Michael J.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Croucher, Alfred A. J.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Curry, Cecil	Pvt.	Cocoanut Grove, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
DeBrouwere, Claude	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	Sept. 28, 1916
Doke, Senator C.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Drysdale, Forrest A.	Pvt.	Jacksonville, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916

Dyer, Richard	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Evans, William E.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Fackler, Edward L.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Follis, Earl B.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Flowers, John M.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Flowers, William A.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Gallagher, Glenn C.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Glisson, James R.	Pvt.	Ojus, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Grathan, Charles A.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Haight, Frank R.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Hawkins, Roy	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Hill, Robert F.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Co. I
Hires, Charles	Pvt.	Kendal, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Holliman, J. W.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Holmer, George E.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Hovey, Carrol	Pvt.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	July 3, 1916	Died Sept. 24, 1916
Howard, Carl E.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Co. I
Hurlbert, Harry M.	Pvt.	Ft. Pierce, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Johnson, Henry C.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Co. I
Johnson, Randell	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Johnson, Wilfred	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Kelley, Hugh L.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Kelley, Wilkerson C.	Pvt.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Kendrick, John	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Knowles, George H.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Lampher, Roy A.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Lasseter, Ernest F.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Lefever, Perry	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Lewis, Thomas J.	Pvt.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Liles, Thomas J.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Lock, Leon	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Malone, Victor G.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Martin, Pierce M.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Matthews, Carl	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Miller, Charlie	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See M. G. Co.
Moss, Lyle T.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
McEvoy, Charles C.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
McIntyre, Joseph F.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Supply Co.
McMahon, Thomas	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Neland, John	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Co. I
Nelson, Andrew Floyd	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Pappas, Thexor	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Pate, Henry	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Perry, Andrew Jackson J.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Supply Co.
Pinder, Millman J. H.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Pine, Edmond A.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Quarterman, Earnest P.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Reilly, Ed	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Richardson, Jesse	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Roberts, Earl S.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Roberts, Walter W.	Pvt.	Key West, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Rooney, Chris	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Rossie, Edward T.	Pvt.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Rothar, William A.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Rowe, Jay Leroy	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Sands, William L.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917

Schilder, Albert H.	Pvt.	Kissimmee, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See M. G. Co.
Schleppey, Benjamin F.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	Sept. 3, 1916
Sheline, Frank	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Shull, Claude E.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Simonson, John W.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Supply Co.
Smalling, Lawrence A.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Co. I
Smith, George A.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Co. I
Smith, John Wesley	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Somers, Frank J.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Sommers, Frank W.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Stanton, William W.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Stevens, Omer	Pvt.	Loyce, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See M. G. Co.
Strickland, George U.	Pvt.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Sturup, Harry	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Suttles, Homer V.	Pvt.	Homestead, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Tarplay, Henry W.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Thigpin, Tom	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Thomas, Oscar J.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Thompson, Sidney N.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	Sept. 9, 1916
Thompson, Tom	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Tucker, Eddie	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Turner, Donald E.	Pvt.	St. Petersburg, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See M. G. Co.
Verber, Charles H.	Pvt.	Cocoanut Grove, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Wainwright, Julian W.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Supply Co.
Watson, Benjamin	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Weems, Grover C.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Welch, Clarence E.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Welch, Harry O.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	See Supply Co.
Whitman, Lloyd M.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Wilcox, James R.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Williams, David R.	Pvt.	Kendal, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Williams, Herbert L.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Williams, Ralph	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Wilson, Oscar	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Wood, Charles C.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	March 17, 1917
Woods, Chauncey W.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Perry, Charlie	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 3, 1916	July 16, 1916
Johnson, Charles J.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	Sept. 19, 1916	Sept. 20, 1916
Archer, William D.	Pvt.	Miami, Fla.	July 12, 1916	See Co. D.
Hart, James E.	Pvt.	n/a	Aug. 15, 1916	See. Co. E
Combs, Jesse J.	Pvt.	n/a	Sept. 10, 1916	March 17, 1917
Kelley, Grover C.	Pvt.	n/a	July 25, 1916	March 17, 1917
McQuarrie, George C.	Pvt.	n/a	July 25, 1916	March 17, 1917
Odom, Robert W.	Pvt.	n/a	Aug. 8, 1916	March 17, 1917
Rowe, Lacy B.	Pvt.	n/a	Sept. 29, 1916	March 17, 1917
Woods, William D.	Pvt.	n/a	Sept. 24, 1916	March 7, 1917

Newspaper: Miami Daily Metropolis
Miami, Florida
June 26, 1916

132 Men in Company M, Boys Will Leave Soon for the Mexican Border

Recruiting Office Was Closed This Noon and Lieutenant Wigginton Leaves at 5:30 With

Twenty-four Men

Pursuant to orders from the adjutant general, the recruiting office was closed at noon today and Lieutenant Wigginton leaves on the 5:30 train for the mobilization camp at Black Point with 24 more men for Company M, this number bringing the strength of the company up to 132, 18 men short of war strength. Orders from the war department are for the national guard to move as rapidly as possible, and Lieutenant Wigginton thinks that the Second Florida will within the week be en-route for the Mexican border. While Company M is short 18 men, he is of the opinion that enough men have been recruited in Jacksonville and Tampa, larger cities, to bring M up to the required strength.

Those who enlisted since Sunday noon and who will accompany the lieutenant to camp tonight are B. W. Watson, C. W. Arraters, Wilfred Johnson, Lewis B. Andrews, J. W. Somers, F. J. Somers, Frank W. Somers, E. R. Fackler, L. S. Pinder, Fred Carter, Henry C. Johnson, Thos. L. Liles, H. L. Kelley, C. L. Hovey, W. C. Kelley, T. Lewis, M. J. Vonroy, S. E. Strickland, E. T. Rosser, W. J. Simmonson, J. F. McIntyre, J. J. Adgate, E. B. Follis and T. McMahon.

Three men, Jesse Richardson, Chas. Perry and C. Johnson, members of Company M. but failed to pass the local medical examination, will accompany the recruits under orders telegraphed to the lieutenant

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by Captain Archer today. The company surgeon, Dr. E. K. Jaudon, recommended that the three men be discharged, but army red tape requires that the discharge be ordered by the regular army surgeon.

Inbox from Page 1:

TROOPS LEAVE TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, June 26. - Orders were issued this afternoon for the Second regiment, National Guard Florida, to leave for the Mexican border tomorrow.

**Newspaper: The Florida Times-Union
Jacksonville, Florida
June 26, 1916**

DISPATCH SAYS SECOND INFANTRY, N. G. F., WILL START FOR MEXICAN BORDER TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY

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Efforts to Reach State Camp Last Night to Verify Report Were Futile – Officers Straining Every Nerve to Get Regiment in “Reasonable” State of Preparedness. War Department Insistent in Its Calls for Militia from All States – Typhoid Prophylactic Administered Yesterday – Regiment Not Thoroughly Equipped.

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According to an Associated Press dispatch last night from the Department of the East at Governor's Island, New York, the Second Infantry, N. G. F., will start for the Mexican border Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. Efforts to reach Gen J. Clifford R. Foster, the adjutant general, at state camp last night to ascertain whether or not official orders to the effect had been received there, were futile, as the long distance telephone operator stated that she had been unable to get to connection with the camp all evening.

Typhoid Inoculation.

Twelve hundred officers and men of the Second infantry were yesterday subjected to typhoid prophylactic treatment. As the regiment is recruited to almost 1,400 men, those who did not receive the treatment yesterday will be inoculated as soon as additional material arrives as the supply on hand was exhausted during yesterday's operations.

The entire 1,200 men were inoculated between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m.. Major H. M. Axline, surgeon of the regiment supervised the work being assisted by the other medical officers of the command. In ten days the second

and final treatment will be administered. The typhoid prophylactic is obligatory every man entering the federal service being required to take it. It consists of injecting dead typhoid germs into the blood and sets up an immunity against the disease. It was stated yesterday that the men were also to be vaccinated with small pox virus as a precaution against this disease.

Hurry Up Call.

Nothing definite was known at the camp yesterday afternoon with reference to just when the command will be dispatched to the border, except that the war department is urging all state authorities to exert every effort to get their regiments in a reasonable state of preparedness so they can be sent to the border.

Recruited considerably above the peace strength maximum, the regiment is still far short of uniforms and equipment. It is stated that sufficient rifles have arrived in Jacksonville for the regiment, but so far the clothing and other equipment sent from the Philadelphia depot has not put in its appearance.

The command is rapidly taking the new federal oath, and it is expected that this work will be completed by tonight. Officers are straining every nerve to get the regiment in "reasonable" shape, working in this connection with no regard to hours. The undertaking, however, in whipping a raw command into condition for active field service in the space of a few days is a huge undertaking and one that the layman cannot begin to grasp. In fact, these troops should have at least six months' vigorous training before being sent into the field for active field service.

Two companies, those from Tampa, are recruited to 150 men each war strength, the other companies also being well up to the 100 mark. It was stated yesterday that the recruiting officers, left at home stations when the regiment mobilized had been ordered to join the command at the state camp. These orders were issued upon instructions from the war department, which stated that all recruiting for the regiment would in the future be done by federal officers.

Peace Strength.

If the command is sent to the border before the arrival of all equipment, it will have to be sent forward at peace strength, sixty-five men to a company. The regiment is still without its machine gun company, which is being organized in St. Petersburg, Clearwater and other southern cities.

The command brought to camp all government property in its possession, and that which will not be used in the field will be turned in to the quartermaster at camp. The work of transferring property and squaring the state's account with the government is proceeding as rapidly as could be expected under the conditions confronting the officers.

Many Visited the Camp.

There was no fieldwork at camp yesterday. There was not time for this. Thousands of people from the city made their way to camp during the morning and afternoon to see the troops in camp. There was no time, however to receive visitors as everyone was working at top speed, following insistent calls from the war department to hurry up the preparations.

**Newspaper: The Florida Times-Union
Jacksonville, Florida
June 28, 1916**

"WATCHFUL, WAITING" POLICY NOW ASSUMED AT STATE CAMP

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Second Infantry, N. G. F., May Not Leave for Boarder for Several Days.

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COMMAND INSPECTED BY AN OFFICER OF REGULAR ARMY

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State Believes Government Has Not Measured Up Requirements of Situation.

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A "watchful, waiting" policy was yesterday assumed at State Camp, where the Second infantry, National Guard of Florida, is mobilized awaiting orders to proceed to the Mexican border. Monday the regiment was under orders to entrain at 10 a.m. yesterday for San Antonio, Tex, but late that day these orders were countermanded, state authorities being ordered to delay departure, but to hold the command in readiness for immediate entrainment. It was thought Monday night that departure orders would be received Tuesday, but as yesterday wore away the feeling grew at State Camp that there were no prospects that the regiment would be sent to the border for several days at least.

Inspector Arrives.

The arrival of Maj. Albert G. Jenkins coast artillery corps. United States army, from Fort Screvens, Savannah, Ga. to inspect the command strengthened this opinion. Maj. Jenkins reached camp yesterday morning after spending the night in the city, and immediately began his duties. The inspection was thorough. First the twelve companies and other units were inspected in company streets, this being followed by company and battalion drills. Nothing was overlooked, countless question were asked of commanding officers by the inspector who desired to know what percent of the command was composed of men who had no previous military training. Shortage of personal equipment, camp and field equipage was noted as the inspector wanted to ascertain whether or not the regiment was in condition to take the field for active service.

Depends Upon Report.

It is conceded by officers at camp that the time of the departure of the regiment to the border depends upon Maj. Jenkins' report. The inspector, of course, would not talk for publication. He stated that he would make his report direct to the war department, and it was up to the government to say whether or not it should be made public.

There is no disposition, however, to conceal the fact the regiment is brand new, and that fully 70 percent of its personnel has had no previous military training. It has been recruited up to about 1,400 men and is short a great deal of equipment, only peace strength equipment being on hand. Practically all of the recruits are without uniforms, shoes, blankets and other personal and field equipment and naturally are suffering as a consequence.

Required By Regulations.

State authorities are at a loss to know why the government has not forwarded this equipment, as is required by army regulations. The regiment has been in camp nearly a week, and while the department of the East, Governors Island, N. Y. has wired that equipment has been sent from the Philadelphia depot so far it has not shown up in Jacksonville.

Army regulations provide when a National Guard regiment is ordered mobilize, war strength equipment shall be immediately shipped to the designated mobilization point. Regulations also provide that only peace equipment will be kept on hand in the various state, but when the regiment is ordered mobilized recruiting to war strength begins automatically, and just as fast as recruits are enlisted just so rapidly is equipment needed.

Recruited to War Strength.

Regulations again provide that all commands ordered out for service in the time of war shall immediately be recruited to war strength. Regulations again provide that recruiting parties shall be left at home stations to secure the required number of men, but contrary to regulation, the war department ordered state authorities to call in these recruiting parties, stating that in the future recruiting would be done by federal officers.

Gen. J. Clifford R. Foster, adjutant general of Florida, yesterday sent another telegram to the department of the East reiterating the fact that the regiment was in camp with 1,400 men, and had only peace strength equipment. And additional recruits are coming in daily, yesterday fully 100 arriving in camp in civilian clothes.

Medical Examinations.

Medical examination of the men has practically been completed, and it is expected that formal muster of the regiment into the federal service will begin today, necessary blanks forms having at last arrived.

There is no letup in the effort to get the command in shape for border duty, officers working in this connection without regard to hours.

What State Believes.

The state believe it has done its part under the call of the president, but it is inclined to the opinion that the government has not measured up to the requirements of the emergency. Florida was asked to furnish one regiment of infantry, and it is pointed out that this command was probably mobilized and place under canvas before any Southern state. It is also pointed out, it has been in camp nearly a week, and its necessary equipment from the government is still lacking.

Newspaper: The Athens Banner
Athens, Georgia
October 3, 1916

FLORIDA TROOPS

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FIFTY-FIVE OFFICERS AND ONE THOUSAND MEN OFF TO LAREDO, TEXAS.

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(By Associated Press.)

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 2. – Fifty-five officers and 1,080 men comprising the Second Florida infantry, under Colonel A. H. Blanding, are on the way to Laredo, Texas, tonight. The troop train is in four sections of thirty coaches, twelve box cars, and fifteen baggage cars and began leaving here at 5 o'clock, due at Laredo Thursday.

Newspaper: Laredo Weekly Times
Laredo, Texas
October 8, 1916

FLORIDA TROOPS ARRIVE, COMING IN FOUR SECTIONS

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THERE ARE 55 OFFICERS AND 1,080 MEN IN THE REGIMENT.

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Are Glad to Get Out of Mobilization Camp and Do Service in Field on Texas Border Say Some Men.

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The Second Florida Infantry Regiment, comprising a total of fifty-five officers and 1,080 men, began arriving in Laredo early this afternoon, coming in four sections, and by tonight the last of the trains will have arrived and the work of erecting tents in the northern part of the city next to Camp Missouri will have been completed.

The Florida regiment left their mobilization camp on Monday and have since that time been on the road. With the regiment is a band, hospital company, ambulance corps and a number of regimental trucks. The regiment is said to be well equipped and ready for service in the field, as they have been in the mobilization camp at Jacksonville since early in June, during which time they have been provided with all the essentials of an army in the field.

The Florida companies average 100 men to the company and they are a well-appearing bunch of men. The men express themselves as being delighted at the opportunity of at least getting a trip to the Texas-Mexican border before being mustered out of service, as many of them for a time feared that they would be sent back to their homes without getting an opportunity to see the Texas border or crossing the boundary line.

Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
January 8, 1917

SOLDIER BOYS ENJOY XMAS IN TEXAS

At the Texas Border, According to Engraved Menu Cards Received

Members of Company M, Second Florida infantry, who was doing border duty at Laredo, Texas, had a most enjoyable Christmas, according to the menu cards received from the front yesterday.

That the soldier boys enjoyed a splendid Christmas dinner may be seen from the menu cards which are handsomely engraved. On the outside cover is a wreath in green and red, in the center of which are two guns crossing each other, while printed in gold letters appears:

MERRY CHRISTMAS
1916
COMPANY M, SECOND FLORIDA
INFANTRY
LAREDO, TEXAS

On the inside pages appears the roster of the company with Captain Junius T. Wigginton, commanding, at the head of the list. The only other commissioned officer mentioned in the roster is that of Second Lieutenant Guilford Green.

The list follows:

First Sergeant Youel G. Pope, Supply Sergeant Charles C. McEvoy, Mess Sergeant Fred K. Carter. The other sergeants are: George H. Knowles, Alfred A. J. Croucher, Harry Mitchell, Chris Rooney and John Kendrick.

Corporals – Ralph Williams, Earl S. Roberts, Harry M. Hulbert, Ulysses S. Bethea, Charles Hires, George G. Chappell, Edward C. Allen, Rex E. St. John and C. C. Woods.

Privates – Henry C. Acker, Emanuel P. Andreu, Claude M. Appleton, Marcellus Boyd, John M. Flowers, Hugh L. Kelley, Carl Mathews, Lyle T. Moss, A. F. Nelson, Thexor Pappas, George W. Strickland, Floyd M. Whitman, Herbert L. Williams, George B. Adderley, Harold M. Allen, Barnett Boyd, Patrick J. Byrne, Geer B. Chubb, Jesse J. Combs, Michael J. Conroy, Ray W. Darnold, Earl B. Follis, William A. Flowers, James R. Glisson, Charles A. Grantham, Frank B. Haight, J. W. Holliman, George E. Holmer, Randall Johnson, Grover C. Kelley, Ernest F. Lasseter, Perry Lefever, Thomas J. Lewis, Leon Locke, John T. McNulty, George C. McQuarrie, Henry Pate, Edmond A. Pine, Ernest P. Quarterman, Ed Riley, Edward T. Rossie, Joseph H. Rother, Jay L. Rowe, William L. Sands, Lacy B. Rowe, William Schneidman, John W. Smith, William W. Stanton, Henry Sturup, Homer V. Suttles, Henry H. Tarply, Tom Thigpin, Eddie Tucker, Charles H. Veber, Benjamin Watson, Grover C. Weems, Clarence E. Welch, David R. Williams, Oscar Wilson and William D. Woods.

The cooks are Joseph J. Adgate and Robert Odom while Millman J. H. Pinder is the bugler and Frank Sheline is the company mechanic.

**Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
March 9, 1917**

WILL REPORT NEXT WEEK AT BLACK POINT

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- Second Florida Infantry Regiment Will Soon Be Home From the Border**
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- WON GENERAL PRAISE**
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- Jacksonville Citizens Make Plans To Give the Boys A Cordial Reception**
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It is expected that the Second Florida Infantry regiment will return to Black Point, Jacksonville, from the Mexican border next week, and within two weeks after arrival at Black Point, will be mustered out there.

The companies and officers of the regiment are as follows:

Regimental Officers

Col. A. H. Blanding.
Lieut. Col. S. J. Wolf.
Capt. Shields Warren, commissary.
Capt. Frederick E. Welhe, inspector small arms practice.
Capt. Roy V. Ott, quartermaster.
Capt. Lucien Allen Spencer, chaplain.

First Battalion

Maj. J. W. Blanding.
First Lieut. W. W. Hampson, adjutant.
Second Lieut. J. W. Shands, quartermaster and commissary.

Company A, Ocala – Capt. Edward Drake; First Lieut. H. C. Campbell; Second Lieut. R. L. Marsh

Company B, Kissimmee – Capt. H. M. Katz; First Lieut. Lee Jarrell; Second Lieut. W. J. Stead.

Company C, Orlando – Capt. H. R. Chapman; First Lieut. Preston Ayers; Second Lieut. J. D. Ferris.

Company D, Lakeland – Capt. Wm. Steiz; First Lieut. C. A. Will; Second Lieut. Elbert E. Lusk.

Second Battalion.

Maj. V. B. Collins.
First Lieut. W. T. Whitney, adjutant.
Second Lieut. Pasco Altman, quartermaster and commissary.

Company E, Plant City – Capt. Edward G. Vestal; First Lieut. W. W. Coleman; Second Lieut. Louis Goodrich.

Company F, Wauchula – Capt. Chester S. Dishong; First Lieut. S. H. Ciesey; Second Lieut. Altman.

Company G, Tampa – Capt. S. G. Harrison; First Lieut. Hamilton Horsey; Second Lieut. Oscar Hilburn.

Company H, Tampa – Capt. Sumter L. Lowry; First Lieut. John W. White; Second Lieut. John B. Sinclair.

Third Battalion.

Major C. W. Sass.
First Lieut. C. H. Holtslaw, adjutant.
Second Lieut. Baker, quartermaster and commissary.

Company I, Key West – Capt. Arthur B. Shepard; First Lieut. J. Waldo Leon.

Company K, Arcadia – Capt. Rupert Smith; First Lieut. John H. Whiddon; Second Lieut. Houston.

Company L, West Palm Beach – Capt. Harold E. Ferguson.

Company M, Miami – Capt. Junius Wigginton.

The personnel of the regiment comprise nearly 1,200 men, including Company M of Miami.

Reception Back Home

Jacksonville is preparing to give the regiment an ovation.

The Florida Metropolis says of the arrangements:

“If efforts being made by the Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Metropolis are successful, the Second Florida Infantry Regiment, returning here next week from duty on the Mexican border, will be given an immense ovation by Jacksonville citizens and civic organizations.”

“Secretary B. R. Kessler, of the Chamber of Commerce, this morning got in touch with War Department officials at Washington, seeking to arrange for the regiment to parade through the city and to take part in festivities tentatively planned for the entertainment of its men and officers.”

“The Second left Black Point October 2, for Laredo, after spending more than three months under canvas at the camp grounds, where the men were whipped into the best condition of any body of guard troops that saw service on the border.”

“Army officers highly praised the Florida men for their discipline and general perfection along military lines and the Second established a record while on border duty that reflected credit upon the entire state of Florida. That Jacksonville, as the first and leading city in Florida, should turn out en masse to welcome the soldiers home is the general opinion and desire has already been expressed by many local civic bodies to take part in the welcoming of the troops.”

“The Second Florida Regiment went into camp at Black Point June 23, having speedily assembled at the call for the unit. After over three months in camp, the regiment entrained October 2 and without ostentation of any kind passed from Florida and crossed the intervening states into Texas. Florida men have done a greater amount of federal service probably than other regiment of the National Guard troops and have done their bit in a highly creditable manner. That they deserve a warm welcome on their return home is the opinion generally expressed throughout the state and Jacksonville will do its share to make the home-coming auspicious.”

“Probably within two weeks after arrival at Black Point, the Second regiment will be mustered out of federal service, according to the information to the Metropolis from the Washington correspondent yesterday. The matter of the disposition of the regiment was taken up with the War Department and it was learned that the men will be placed back under state jurisdiction as quickly as possible after arrival here.”

“In all probability the First Florida Field Hospital, commanded by Major Raymond C. Turck, of Jacksonville, and composed largely of local men, will remain in border service for some time, as nothing has yet been said regarding sending this unit home. None of the field hospitals have yet returned from the border, which gives rise to the belief that the Florida contingent will continue to see service, though the return of this division is expected within a few months at the most.”

**Newspaper: Laredo Weekly Times
Laredo, Texas
March 11, 1917**

FLORIDA BOYS GOING HOME ON THREE SPECIAL TRAINS

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LAST OF NATIONAL GUARDSMEN LEFT LAREDO TODAY.

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Regiment Goes to Jacksonville For Demobilization After Being in Service Over Nine Months.

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Throughout yesterday and even last night the members of the Second Florida infantry regiment, the last contingent of the national guardsmen in Laredo, were kept busy packing up their equipment and shaking hands with the many

friends they have made in Laredo and saying goodbye, for today, after being away from their homes for more than nine months, the boys from the Peninsular state are homeward bound.

The Second Florida regiment, in command of an efficient set of officers, together with their excellent band, got away from Laredo today bound for Jacksonville, Fla., on special trains traveling in three sections. The first section, with Colonel Blanding, regimental headquarters and the regimental band, and several hundred members, left here shortly before 11 o'clock this afternoon, while another train left here about 12:30 noon and the last section rolled out about 2:30.

When the regiment and its units came here last August there were approximately 1,600 men in the Florida contingent, but when it left today there were less than 1,200 men on the homeward bound trains, this being due to the fact that during their stay here many of the men received their discharges on application and returned to their home state when there appeared no probability of actual service, while others have received discharges and will make their future homes in Laredo.

It is said that within the last month more than a hundred Florida guardsmen have applied and received discharges and taken positions in and around Laredo, while some others have gone to Corpus Christi and San Antonio to make their future homes. This in itself indicates that the Floridian like Texas – so much so that they preferred living here rather than go back to their home state.

**Newspaper: The Florida Times-Union
Jacksonville, Florida
March 13, 1917**

FLA. GUARDSMEN RETURN TO STATE AFTER FIVE MONTHS ON THE BORDER

- **Regiment Reached State Camp, Near Jacksonville, Last Night in Three Sections.**

- **“HAPPY TO GET BACK,” SAID COL. BLANDING**

- **Command Will Be Mustered Out of Federal Service at Once – Unit Returns a Veteran Outfit.**

Traveling in three sections, over the Atlantic Coast Line railway, the Second Florida infantry, which has been on the Mexican border the past five months, arrived here last night and was immediately taken to State Camp, near Jacksonville, where it will be mustered out of the federal service.

The first section arrived at about 10 o'clock, and was followed at half-hour intervals by the other sections. Fifty-one cars were needed to transport the regiment and its equipment. Col. A. H. Blanding, commanding, together with the headquarters company, and the First Battalion, consisting of Company A (Ocala), B (Kissimmee), C (Orlando), and D (Lakeland), in command of Major John W. Blanding, arrived on the first section.

The second section brought the supply company and the Second Battalion, composed of Companies E (Plant City), F (Wauchula), G (Tampa). This train was in command of Major V. C. Collins.

Lieut. Col. S. J. Wolf was in command of the third section, which comprised the machine gun company, and the Third Battalion, Major C. W. Sass commanding, and consisting of Companies I (Key West), K (Arcadia), L (West Palm Beach), and M (Miami).

Rushed to Camp.

None of the trains were brought into the city. On arrival, they were immediately switched to the proper tracks and rushed to the state camp grounds, as Col. Blanding was anxious to get his command into the army as soon as possible. On arrival at State Camp, the various units detrained and bivouacked for the night. Camp will be pitched this morning.

The regiment left Laredo last Friday, the first section getting away at 12:10 p. m. It came via New Orleans and Montgomery.

“Happy to Get Back”

“Happy to get back,” was Col. Blanding’s laconic answer to a query, as he stepped from his train at camp last night. And he undoubtedly voiced the sentiments of every man in his command, as all said Florida never looked so good to them. Only seven hospital cases, all convalescent were left behind when the regiment entrained at Laredo. The boys are in excellent health and spirits, bronzed by exposure to the wind and sun along the Rio Grande, and hard as nails as a result of the months of field training. Little did the regiment resemble the outfit that detrained at State Camp on June 22, last, following President Wilson’s mobilization order of June 18. The green regiment had disappeared, and in place was a seasoned, well disciplined, well set out body of men having all the ear marks of a “regular outfit.”

“We had a lot of hard work, gained a lot of knowledge, but, taking it altogether, we were lucky.” Said Col. Blanding, in speaking of the regiment’s duty on the border. Most of the time the command was in permanent camp at Laredo, but its last four weeks were spent in patrol duty along the river, the regiment being in eleven stations guarding 120 miles of river territory.

Will Muster Out Here.

The regiment will be mustered out at State Camp. It is estimated that this work will take, at least a week. The companies will then be sent to their respective home stations in South Florida. Major J. P. Wade, U. S. Cavalry, the mustering officer, has already arrived in camp, and the work will be expedited with all possible speed.

Welcome to Boys.

With reference to a proper welcome to the boys, Nat F. Jackson, chairman of the committee having the matter in charge, stated yesterday that no programs of entertainment could be announced until he had had an opportunity to ascertain the wishes of Col. Blanding and Major Wade, in response to a query last night. Col. Blanding stated that, of course, any entertainment would have to take place at State Camp, as it would be impossible to move the regiment into the city.

Jacksonville is anxious to show its appreciation of the guardsmen and Chairman Jackson, together with Horace Drew, Lieutenant Frank Cassidey and Major H. L. Covington, Jr., will go to State Camp this morning to call upon Colonel Blanding and Major Wade. Other members of the committee are Teifair Stockton, A. W. Cockrell, Frank E. Jennings, Harry B. Hoyt, Colonel W. P. Corbett, General Charles P. Lovell, Charles A. Tutewiler, Lieutenant Commander Louis Strum and Captain Charles Morgan.

Wanted Big Parade.

The committee had hoped to arrange a big military and civic parade in the city followed by a big celebration at the Duval county armory. However, it is expected the program will be arranged following the conference this morning.

It is expected that State Camp will be the mecca for many Jacksonville people today, who are anxious to see the boys after their long stay in Texas.

Newspaper: Miami Daily Metropolis
Miami, Florida
March 17, 1917

CITIZENS PLAN TO GIVE THE SOLDIER BOYS BIG WELCOME

Company M Now Being Mustered Out at Black Point Will Arrive In Miami on Monday or Tuesday

The soldier boys of Company M. Second Florida regiment, who returned to Jacksonville from the Mexican border early in the week and are being mustered out at Black Point, will arrive in Miami Monday or Tuesday. Citizens of

the city, through a Chamber of Commerce committee on arrangements, are in readiness to give them a grand reception of some description.

If Company M arrives in Miami in the daytime it will be met at the railway station by a committee and a large number of citizens, who will escort the company to the armory, where a luncheon will be served. The procession is to be headed by the Royal Scotch Highlanders band, provided the company does not arrive here in the night time.

Whether the luncheon is held in the armory or not, a picnic is to be given the boys, on the day following their arrival, at Hardie's casino on the beach, and the picnic will be followed by a ball and banquet in the casino in the evening, to which each member of Company M and will be admitted free and also have the privilege of inviting his old sweetheart, if he still has one, or a new sweetheart if he lost the old one during his absence.

People to Subscribe.

Money to defray the expenses of reception for the boys will be raised by popular subscriptions from many people in small amounts rather than from a few people in large amounts.

These tentative plans for the reception of Company M were made at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors. A committee on arrangements was appointed at the meeting as follows: Capt. J. F. Jaudon, chairman; J. C. Brown, R. B. Burdine, F. G. Railey, Samuel J. Barco, J. Burke Hawkins, Dan Hardie, Henry R. Chase, G. D. Brossier and R. E. Hall.

Capt. Jaudon wrote immediately to Jacksonville to ascertain when Company M will arrive but had heard nothing definite up to noon today.

**Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
March 17, 1917**

WELCOME AS PLANNED FOR MEMBERS CO. M

Military Ball and Banquet on the Day Following Their Arrival Here.

BE MET AT THE TRAIN

Miami Company of the Second Florida Infantry Soon With the Home Folks.

The Chamber of Commerce committee to receive and entertain the members of Company M, Second Florida infantry, when the return to Miami Sunday or Monday, from the Mexican border, have invited the women of Miami to join with them in doing the honor to the returning soldiers, who will be mustered out at State Camp, Jacksonville, today.

A meeting was held by the committee, of which Captain Jaudon is chairman, yesterday afternoon, and it was decided that immediately on the arrival of the infantrymen they would be met at the train by the committee and escorted to their armory on Twelfth street, where a collation will be spread for them.

As many women as desire to take part in the entertainment of and reception of the soldiers will be at the armory to serve the food, which they are also invited to prepare.

The committee intends starting out this morning with subscription list to secure funds for the entertainment of the soldiers, but thought that the women would like to take part in welcoming the boys, and it was suggested that the women of Miami be asked to donate sandwiches, cake and other edibles.

All women wishing to do so should notify the Chamber of Commerce immediately, giving a list of the articles of food they will contribute, so that any shortage may be made good before the arrival of the soldiers.

Proposed Events

A short address of welcome will be delivered from the balcony of the armory building by Judge James T. Sanders, and ceremony will then give way to the business of eating. An explanation of the committee's plans for the following day will be made before the soldiers disperse.

On the day after the soldier's arrival the privileges of the Hardie Casino will be tendered them, free, as everything else will be, and they will also be entertained with a banquet and military ball at the casino in the evening. The funds to cover this item of expense will be solicited by subscription today.

Transportation will be provided for the soldiers and also tickets to the casino, the banquet and the ball, but all others will be expected to pay for their tickets. The banquet and ball will be for the soldiers' and their friends, and each soldier will be entitled to take a feminine companion with him without cost to him or her.

Roster of Company

When last heard from the company's roster contained the following names:

Captain, Junius T. Wigginton; first lieutenant, Youell G. Pope; sergeants, William Schneidman, George H. Knowles, Alfred A. J. Croucher, Harry Mitchell; corporals, Chris Rooney, Ralph Williams, Earl S. Roberts, Harry H. Hurlbert, Ulysses S. Bethea, Charles Hires, George G. Chappell, Edward C. Allen; cooks, Joseph J. Adgave and Robert W. Odom; mechanic, Frank Sheline; buglers, Millman J. H. Pinder and Emanuel P. Andreu.

Privates, Henry C. Acker, George B. Adderly, Harold A. Allen, Louis N. Anderws, Claude M. Appleton. Barnett Boyd, Marcellus Boyd, Patrick J. Byrne, Greer B. Chubb, Jesse J. Combs, Michael J. Conroy, Ray W. Darnold, Earl B. Follis, John M. Flowers, William A. Flowers, James R. Glisson, Charles A. Grantham, Frank B. Haight, J. W. Holliman, George E. Holmer, Carroll Hovey, Randall Johnson, Grover C. Kelley, Hugh L. Kelley, John Kendrick, Ernest F. Lassiter, Perry LeFever, Thomas J. Lewis, Leon Locke, Carl Matthews, Lysle T. Moss, John T. McNulty, George C. McQuarrie, Andrew F. Nelson, Thexor Pappas, Henry Pate, Edmond A. Pine, Ernest P. Quarterman, Edward Riley, Edward T. Rossie, Joseph H. Rothar, William A. Rathar, Jay L. Rowe, Lacy B. Rowe, William L. Sands, John W. Simonson, John W. Smith, William W. Stanton, Rex E. St. John, George W. Strickland, Harry Sturup, Homer V. Suttles, Henry H. Tarpley, Thomas Thigpin, Eddie Tucker, Charles H. Veber, Benjamin Watson, Grover C. Weems, Clarence F. Welch, Floyd M. Whitman, David R. Williams, Herbert L. Williams, Oscar Wilson, Charles C. Woods, William D. Woods.

Carroll Hovey died at Jacksonville, Fla., September 24, 1916, and was buried at Ft. Lauderdale, where his relatives reside.

In addition to the above named members of Company M, a large number of the members leaving Miami last June were transferred to Key West and Palm Beach companies, and these will probably returned to Miami with Company M, as they will be mustered out at Jacksonville at the same time the Miami company is mustered out.

Captain West D. Archer, who left Miami in command of the company, resigned several months ago and returned to this city where he now resides. First Lieutenant Junius T. Wigginton was made captain and is still commanding Company M.

**Newspaper: The Tampa Sunday Tribune
Tampa, Florida
March 25, 1917**

APOPKA

APOPKA, March 24.- (Special) –

Among the soldier boys returning from the boarder were Hugh L. Kelley, Jim Smith and Geo. Montieth. They were accorded a warm welcome.

**Newspaper: The Ocala Banner
Ocala, Florida
March 30, 1917**

Wilson was one of the teachers in the Archer school. Dr. Kelley was in Ocala Wednesday en route to Archer. He has quite a number of friends here who will be interested in learning of his marriage.

Note:

Dr. James Lawrence Kelley married Sarah Fulmer on March 23, 1917 in Archer, Florida.

**Newspaper: The Augusta Chronicle
Augusta, Georgia
May 27, 1917**

HEPHZIBAH, GA.

Special to The Chronicle-

Hephzibah, Ga., May 26

The latest enlistment in army service made by Hephzibah are those of J. C. Henderson, Leon Kelley, and Drew Christie.

Notes:

This was Thomas Leon Kelley, brother of Hugh Lawrence Kelley. Leon served in the 80th Artillery at Fort Oglethorpe, and eventually went overseas serving different organizations units from August 22nd, 1918 to June 22nd, 1919.

**Newspaper: The Augusta Herald
Augusta, Georgia
July 5, 1917**

23 VOLUNTEERS FROM HEPHZIBAH

Are Honored By Townsmen at Great Patriotic Meeting Held Wednesday Night.

At the school auditorium at Hephzibah last night a large audience assembled to do honor to the day and to the twenty-three young men who have volunteered to serve their country on the French front, most appropriate program was rendered, and Rev. John S. Jenkins, of Augusta made a splendid address. After the program the following patriotic resolutions, read by Mr. Henry S. Jones, were adopted:

Resolutions.

Whereas, the peace and happiness of our country have been disturbed by the world-wide cataclysm of war and terror brought on by Prussian autocrats and tyrants, not only ignoring and despising our rights upon the high seas, but assassinating by secret and hidden methods our citizens, - men, women and children – in no way engaged in military affairs, and defiantly notifying us that they intend to continue it and even make it more unbearable;

And whereas, our country as a whole has responded nobly and magnanimously in taking up arms for justice, liberty and humanity, our own state of Georgia bearing her full and noble part of the burden;

And whereas, our own beloved Village of Hephzibah, in Georgia, U. S. A., has already contributed in volunteers twenty-three gallant, noble, self-sacrificing, and manly young Georgians to this great cause of world-wide democracy and universal liberty to mankind;

Therefore, be it resolved. That we, the people of Hephzibah, Ga., U. S. A., in mass meeting assembled on this 4th day of July, 1917, do declare that we in unbounded terms commend for their valor and patriotism;

James A. Carswell, J. Frank Carswell, Cecil Frost, Harry Frost, Avery Hardin, Paul Hardin, Leon Kelley, Drew Christie, Terrence Christie, Robt. Coffield, J. C. Henderson, A. H. Nelson, Bowdre Norris, Lieut. A. T. Murphy, Edwin Murphy, Fred Turner, M. I. Ulm, J. C. Ulm, Ellet C. Walker, John Weathersby, Denver Winder, Adam Bearden, Hugh Rhodes.

Who have volunteered to illustrate Hephzibah, Ga., our southland and our Union on the bloody fields and in the deadly trenches against Prussianism, anarchy and tyranny as the noblest type of young Americans and Georgians.

Resolved, That our unanimous prayers ascend to the God of Hosts for the ultimate success of our arms and as far as consistent with His Will, the safe return of each of these brave young men to us.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the press for publication, and that a copy be furnished to each of our brave young men who are now, or will soon be, at the battle front.

Notes:

This was Thomas Leon Kelley, brother of Hugh Lawrence Kelley. Leon served in the 80th Artillery at Fort Oglethorpe, and eventually went overseas serving different organizations units from August 22nd, 1918 to June 22nd, 1919.

**Newspaper: The Tampa Sunday Tribune
Tampa, Florida
August 5, 1917**

APOPKA

APOPKA, Aug. 4. –

Hugh L. Kelley, who has been touring the West, has returned to Apopka for a short visit to friends before proceeding to Miami, where he will join his company of the Miami Rifles.

**Newspaper: The Morning Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
August 7, 1917**

NEWS NOTES FROM APOPKA

APOPKA, FLA.-

Mr. Hugh Kelley left Thursday for Miami where he goes to join the company at that point of which he is a member.

**Sheet Music
Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia
Various Time Frames
1917**

***Dedicated to Col. Allen Crenshaw my former Commander in the Second Ala. Inf.*
DIXIE DIVISION**

**Words & Music by
ALBERT C. MITCHELL
116th Field Artillery Band**

In the days of Sixty-one when Dixie took her stand,
To the colors came her men, the finest in the land.

Now they are assembled, this time dress'd in khaki brown,
There's twenty-seven thousand, 'way down in Macon town.

They're all from Dixie, Hurrah for Dixie!
It takes a lot to make them fight, but when they fight, they fight.

(Chorus)

Wheeler, Lee and Jackson, all fought for "The dear lost cause,"
For the sunny Southland, its customs and its laws.
Now their sons are "Sammies" and fight for Democracy,
They're at Camp Wheeler training to go across the sea.

They're all from Dixie, Hurrah for Dixie!
When Dixie men commence to fight great men will come to light.

CHORUS

Wait till the Dixie Division gets to France,
They'll show them who they are;
They're not afraid to fight,
Because they know they're right,
Their Granddaddy's fought in the Civil War.
They're from Alabama, Georgia and Florida,
Down in dear old Dixie and they'll make themselves known,
They'll soon be-leavin' the land of cotton, but, they'll be back,
When they've chased the Kaiser off the throne.

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September 7, 1918
Camp Wheeler Blues

Words & Music by
Albert C. Mitchell
106 Train Hq + Military Police

Incenerators burning.
Thousands of lads are yearning.
Each one a soldier boy.
They've left their homes to fight,
To fight for what is right.
Gone are their songs of joy.
If you ask them why they sigh,
Each one will reply

Infernal whistles blowing.
They say we'll soon be going.
Oh! listen to my prayer.
I heard a fellow say,
Next week we go away.
Please send me over there.
All I do is sit and grieve,
Wond'ring when we'll leave.

CHORUS

I want to go across the foam,

If I can't go,
Please send me home.

I want to go and fight the Hun,
Ev'rybody says "it shall be done",
I'm tired of putting out in this Georgia Sun,
When will our Dixie Division go to France?
Why don't it get a chance?
If I could go, no time I'd lose,
"Cause I have got, Camp Wheeler Blues".

1918

***Respectfully dedicated to Major General LeRoy S. Lyon, commanding the 31st (Dixie) Division, whose motto is,
It Shall Be Done***

PRIVATE ALEXANDER BEACH POOLEY U. S. A.

From the north where breezes blow,
To the land of "Old Black Joe,"
The boys are coming,
With hearts a-burning,
The busy East has heard the call,
From the West in line they fall.
When victory is won they'll be returning.
Hear the Captain bragging,
Not a man is lagging,
Each and ev'ry one is full of "pep."
They're glad to come to Dixie Land,
To receive a helping hand,
And with the southern lads they'll keep in step.

(Chorus)

Dixie land before we go,
There's just one thing you must know.
We're ever grateful.
For your assistance.
We know the flag shall never fall,
You've made soldiers of us all,
And filled us with the spirit of resistance
Tho' your hearts and yearning,
Pray for our returning,
While we spread the flame of liberty.
For when you said "It shall be done,"
Then we know the war was won,
And we'd be marching home with victory.

CHORUS

Drop your work, drop your play,
Break away, Don't delay,
Grab a gun on the run.
There's a task to be done,
When they teach us to salute,
And they show us how to shoot.
I'd hate to be in the boots of any Hun, Hun, Hun.
Down in Dixie,

Where the Blue and Grey are one,
We've got to go across the sea,
And put an end to Germany,
And take it from us "It Shall be Done".

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Note:

The one song that is titled "It Shall Be Done" was probably when Hugh was already over in France.

**Newspaper: The Sunday Times-Union
Jacksonville, Florida
September 16, 1917**

2ND FLORIDA INFANTRY WILL LEAVE TODAY FOR MACON, GA.

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COMPANIES ARE LOCATED IN SOUTH FLORIDA

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First Infantry, Which Entrained Friday, Arrived Safely at Camp Wheeler Yesterday

The Second Florida Infantry will entrain today for Camp Wheeler at Macon. All of the units of the regiment are located in cities in the southern part of the state, and it is expected that they will travel in several sections. These will in all probability pass through Jacksonville during the day. Publication of hours of departure, schedules and routes of troop trains is prohibited by the press censorship, consequently it is possible to give detailed information concerning the movement of the command.

At Macon, the regiment will be brigaded with the First Florida infantry, both being attached to the depot training brigade in command of Brigadier General Albert H. Blanding, former colonel of the second infantry.

Under the army organization plans both regiments are to lose their regimental formation, as they will be grouped in a series of training battalions.

An Associated Press dispatch from Macon last night told of the safe arrival there yesterday of the First Florida infantry, which entrained Friday night.

The movement of the Second infantry today marks the last of the Florida mobile troops to join the army, as Company D, First Florida infantry, and the First Florida Field Hospital left for Macon on September 3.

The organizations and their home stations of the Second Florida infantry follow;

Headquarters Company, N. C. O. section, Gainesville; band sections, Palatka. Supply Company – Gainesville.

First Battalion, Company A, Ocala; Company B, Kissimmee; Company C, Orlando; Company D, Lakeland.

Second Battalion, Company E, Plant City; Company F, Wauchula; Company G, Tampa; Company H, Tampa.

Third Battalion, Company I, Key West; Company K, Arcadia, Company L, West Palm Beach; Company M, Miami.

**Newspaper: The Florida Times-Union
Jacksonville, Florida
September 17, 1917**

2ND FLA. INFANTRY MOVES TO MACON, GA.

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Units, Located in South Florida Cities, Entrained Yesterday to Join Depot Brigade at Camp Wheeler.

Units of the Second Florida infantry which are station in various South Florida cities, yesterday began moving to Camp Wheeler at Macon, Ga., and today all of the Florida troops will be assembled there in the depot training brigade in commend of Brig. Gen. Albert H. Blanding, former colonel of the Second infantry.

The units moved for the most part in special trains direct from their home stations. Some of the trains passed through Jacksonville en route.

The units and their home stations follow:

Headquarters Company, N. C. O. section Gainesville; band section, Palatka Supply company, Gainesville.

First Battalion, Company A, Ocala; Company B, Kissimmee; Company C, Orlando; Company D, Lakeland.

Second Battalion, Company E, Plant City; Company F, Wauchula; Company G, Tampa; Company H, Tampa.

Third Battalion, Company I, Key West; Company K, Arcadia, Company L, West Palm Beach; Company M, Miami.

**Newspaper: The Florida Times-Union
Jacksonville, Florida
September 20, 1917**

MIAMI SOLDIERS LEAVE FOR MACON

Times-union Bureau, Miami, Sept 18. – One of the greatest disappointments that has come to Miamians came Saturday night when early in the evening torrents of rain began to fall. An incessant downpour of rain fell nearly all night.

Company M. N. G. U. S., was to give its final parade before leaving for Camp Wheeler. Miamians are very proud of Company M, as it has a fine record, which it made while on the Mexican border and everybody was anxious to see the last demonstration before leaving. Early in the evening, automobiles came in from all portions of Dade county, loaded with friends who not only wished to see the parade, but to say the farewell words to their loved ones who have enlisted in the service of the country. The streets for blocks from Twelfth Street were lined with automobiles, motorcycles and carriages, while the sidewalks were crowded to their capacity with people. The Woodmen's band was to lead the procession, but the rain prevented. At the appointed hour, the members of Company M filed out of the armory on Twelfth Street, making a short parade in the steady downpour, thence to the depot where they embarked on their trip to Camp Wheeler. The depot was crowded to its full capacity and hundreds stood in the open. Mothers, fathers, sweethearts, wives and friends crowded around the boys as they filed into the coaches, hoping to say a word of farewell to their loved ones who are departing on their perilous mission.

Bill, the mascot, was not forgotten. Bill is a young goat, which the company raised on a bottle and is a great favorite with the boys.

There were ninety-seven men and three officers, Capt. Junius Wiggington in command. Capt. Wiggington has seen a great deal of military service. He has been connected with military companies here and in other states. He had service in the Spanish-American war, and on the border of Mexico. Capt. Wiggington leaves behind his wife, formerly Miss. Florence Frederick, daughter of Mrs. Alice Frederick of this city, and four children. He was mustered in as first sergeant Company M, commissioned first lieutenant and assign to Company M June 7, 1915 and promoted to captain of the company October 26, 1916 while in Texas.

First Lieut Guilford Green is a veteran having seen service in the Marine Corps. He enlisted February 11, 1903 served several years to the Philippines and was mustered out of service February 11?, 1907 . He enlisted in the coast artillery ____, __ and on December 14, ____ was discharged at his own request. His next enlistment was with Company M, Second Florida infantry, February 1914 and he was commissioned second lieutenant and assigned to Company M, November 17, 1916 and while in Texas, he was mustered into the federal service.

Second Lieut. Harry P. Cooper has had but little real military experience, but was educated in a military academy. His commission as second lieutenant was issued April 19, 1917. Lieut. Cooper has shown so much aptitude for a military career that he was recommended by Secretary Baker for a commission, but when the federal officers examined him, he was thrown out as being under weight and having heart trouble. He was much disappointed at this turn of affairs and went to Washington, where he gained an audience with Secretary Baker who was greatly impressed with him and ordered another examination, at which time he was accepted.

The sergeants are First sergeants, Youel G. Pope, John Kendrick, mess sergeants, sergeants Alfred A. J. Croucher, Adrian McCune, Harry Mitchell, Chris Rooney, Ned Allen and Rex St. John. The corporals are W. W. Stanton, Earl S. Roberts, George Chappel, Edmond A. Pine, Andrew D. Frasier, Charles M. Appleton, Jay L. Rowe, William Schneidman and John W. Smith.

Privates; First class, Henry C. Aker, Emanuel P. Andreu, Marcellus Boyd, Fred K. Carter, John M. Followers, Carl Matthewson, Andrew F. Nelson, Thexor Pappas, George U. Strickland, Lloyd M. Whitman, Herbert L. Williams,

Privates; George B. Adderly, Harold M. Allen, Charles L. Baldwin, Robert R. Barnes, Christopher C. Baylor, Newton L. Beard, William O. Blodgett, James E. Brooks, Earl M. Canova, Geer B. Chubb, Ernest A. Croucher, Thomas W. Eldon, Leo A. Fackle, William A. Flowers, Benjamin J. Gardner, Alexander F. Given, James R. Glisson, Michael J. Golden, Ansley C. Grantham, Frank B. Haight, George E. Holmer, William B. Ingram, Grover C. Inlow, Higdon P. Johnson, Harry W. Joiner, Grover C. Kelly, James J. Leahy, Peter L. LeBlanc, Thomas J. Lewis, Duncan F. McCrimmon, Charles Mulvey, Henry Pate, Milo S. Pitt, Carleton V. Powell, John M. Ricks, Robert V. Rinn, Walter W. Roberts, Edward T. Rossie, Joseph H. Rothar, Lacey B. Rowe, William L. Sands, Earl L. Smith, Homer V. Suttles, Henry H. Tarpley, Thomas Thigpen, Eddie Tucker, Clyde E. Ulrich, James K. Williams, John B. Williams, Oscar Wilson, Lewis E. Zipperer, Frank Benefield, Abraham D. Edwards, Luther M. Edwards, Clarence M. Newell, James Rikel, Leslle B. Rowell, George Skures, Robert M. Stirrup, Ralph L. Williams, Edward J. Wilson and Perry Brown.

Notes:

I'm sure that Hugh went with this group of men, and his name was left out by mistake. Looking at the proceeding news story, Hugh was there at Camp Wheeler taking the last injection of paratyphoid serum by October 6th, 1917. Look at the next article from "The Miami Herald" dated October 12, 1917.

Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
October 12, 1917

PROMOTIONS IN MIAMI COMPANY DURING WEEK

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Expecting More Men At Camp Wheeler – Bill, The Goat, Is Rounded up And Returned to Camp

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(By James K. Williams)

Camp Wheeler, near Macon, Ga., Oct. 10 – William Schneidman has been promoted from private to sergeant.

John B. Williams has been promoted to corporal

Marcellus Boyd and James K. Williams have been transferred to headquarters company and promoted to sergeants.

Sergeant Boyd is in charge of the regimental post office and Sergeant Williams is in the intelligence department.

Lewis E. Zipperer has been appointed company mechanic.

This is Liberty Loan week and the boys in Company M have been given opportunity to buy Liberty Bonds on the installment plan.

Saturday was pay day and on account of Company M being the last company on regimental roll the boys never got their money until after dark.

Private Suttles found "Bill," our goat, down town and he was brought home in the Ford Sunday. Much rejoicing, of course.

The 124th infantry, of which Company M is a part, is expecting to move soon to a new location in the camp.

Private Henry Tarpley has been promoted to first class private.

A few new records from friends of the company in Miami would be highly appreciated. Good lively band music is desired.

The regiment is daily expecting the new men and in anticipation of this fact promotions have been numerous this week.

The government has appointed athletic instructors in each regiment so that Uncle Sam's men will be physically fit when they "go over the top."

The third and last injection of paratyphoid serum was given last Saturday.

Notes:

On the enlistment paper that Hugh Lawrence Kelley kept in his possession, and currently Leah Kelley have them, states that he took both the Typhoid prophylaxis and Paratyphoid prophylaxis with the completed date as October 6th, 1917. This matches the news story that Hugh took the serum that Saturday, and that fell on October 6th.

Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
November 12, 1917

NOTES OF COMPANY M

(By Sergeant Rex E. St. John.)

Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., Nov. 10. – Five men from the old First Florida regiment and five drafted men have been added to our company, giving us a total of 191 enlisted men.

Divisional bayonet school is over, and Sergt. Y. G. Pope qualified as instructor. Good boy, Youel, we knew you could do it.

We have wooden frames and floors for our tents, also stoves, which insures warmth for the boys during the cold weather.

All of the boys have been having a big time at the state fair, which is being held here.

Private Walker Roberts received his discharge today. Good luck to you Roberts. But you are going to miss a good fight when we get "over there."

Everyone here is looking forward to the big Thanksgiving dinner Uncle Sam is going to give us. It has sure got to be a good one to beat last year's.

Private Henry Pate has been recommended for promotion to the rank of sergeant. Pate has taken to military like a duck takes to water.

The Florida boys are certainly getting along fine with the fair sex of Macon. It seems as though every soldier from Florida was escorting a Georgia "Peach" through the throngs of merry makers at the fair. Look out, Georgia. Some of our boys are still receiving mail from Texas.

The intensive training that we are undergoing is making wonderful improvement in us physically. The boys are all looking fine, and will make a good showing when they go "over to top," this spring.

Florida and Alabama will meet on the gridiron Saturday to decide which regiment has the best football team. We say Florida will win.

The 124th and 122nd regiments comprising Florida and Georgia troops passed in review before the governor of Georgia and naturally made a good showing.

We have two new lieutenants assigned to our company, 1st Lieut. Cantell and 2nd Lieut. Stone. Both officers were formerly members of the 56th depot brigade, which has been disbanded.

Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
December 10, 1917

NOTES OF COMPANY M

(By Sergt. Jas. K. Williams.)

Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga., Dec. 9. — All of the men of the 124th infantry who were home on Thanksgiving passes are back now and hard at work again preparing to give the Kaiser his dues. The commanding general of the 31st division issued an order before Thanksgiving that 40 percent of the enlisted strength of the regiment were to be allowed a three-day pass before the holiday and 40 percent afterward. This gave most of the Florida boys a day or two at home, but in the case of the few who went to Miami, this time was shorter. The correspondent was among the latter and although the stay was short, the trip long and the cost of the trip no small trifle to a soldier it was well worth the money to get back to the land of palm trees and Miami's balmy atmosphere after the rather chilly climate of Camp Wheeler.

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The medical corps of the camp now has the pneumonia situation well in hand, and the epidemic is gradually abating. There have been added to the base hospital about twelve or fifteen more medical officers and more than a score of nurses, and there is ample room and attention to any enlisted man who is taken sick.

Overcoats, woolen clothes and heavy shoes together with an extra big comfort for the cots, insure the men of keeping well in the future. Before these clothes came, the men were allowed to wear some parts of their civilian attire, but now that there are plenty of clothes, the men have been ordered to pack up their civilian attire and ship it home before the end of the week.

The different Red Cross societies are also sending in the little woolen "jacket sweater" that can be worn under the shirt, which is a great aid in keeping warm. Another item that is needed now, or will be real soon, is mittens. These are valuable in keeping the air out from the sleeves of the shirt or jacket. In real cold weather, which we will no doubt see "over there," a woolen helmet for the head, which will cover head all over except for the face, will be quite acceptable.

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In connection with the epidemic of pneumonia and cold, the medical department has issued some drastic orders for the safety of the men. Hereafter there will be only five men to a tent and the cots will be so arranged that the head of one cot will be at the foot of the other, so that in the of respiratory disease there will be the least likelihood of one man breathing the same air as his neighbor. Cots have to be moved out of the tents every morning and the covers

and mattresses taken off and the beds aired. The tent is to be disinfected every day, and scrubbed every Saturday. There is a guard in the street also to see that these regulations are enforced, and at night one is kept for the purpose of seeing that the men sleep with the tent doors open, so that they may get clean, fresh air all night long. Fires are to be put out at 9 o'clock in order that the tent may become cooled before the men go to bed. All mess kits have to be boiled fifteen minutes after each meal and various other precautions taken for the health of the men.

The difference in a physician's care in military life and in civil life is that the doctor in civil life will order his patient to do certain things for his own good and he may do them and he may not, but you can rest assured that a soldier will carry out the doctor's orders. Uncle Sam doesn't need sick men and the quicker they get well, the better for all.

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Several of the officers of the regiment have been ordered to stand examination for foreign service, which means that we will be on the way to France in the near future.

The medical department is busy daily weeding out the unfits and the men, in their opinion, that may not be able to stand the strenuous test that war puts to any man. A lot of the men are being thrown out on heart trouble. This may mean that a man with a weak heart and it may only mean that he has a constitution that would break under the shock of real action. It is said that under the test of thousands of cannon, and the shock and noise attendant thereto, a man with a weak heart will be put out of commission immediately. When in ordinary conditions of civil life he may live to be a hundred years old.

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Thanksgiving day was one big day in this regiment. Uncle Sam saw to it that there was nothing lacking in the way of good old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner. Headquarters company alone used sixteen large turkeys, not to mention the celery, cranberries, cake, fruit, mince pie and the other necessities of a big dinner, even down to the "smokes."

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This army is no place for a lazy man these days. There is work from morning to night. Reveille at 4:45 starts the busy day. What, oath drills, hikes, target practice, bayonet practice, etc., there is mighty little time to rest. When night comes a man is ready for only one place – the bed. Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday are in a way holidays, but Wednesdays are reserved for formal drills, Saturdays for inspection and cleaning up, including washing of clothes, so Sunday is really the only day of rest. With the officers and non-commissioned officers it is even harder. They have four nights of school each week, and a written test every Friday night. But on the other hand there is a secret satisfaction for a man in knowing that whatever may come up he is prepared. So there is no grumbling, but every man gets to his task with a will that would strike terror to the heart of the Hun could he see it.

One place in front of the regiment is a sight designed to strike terror to the heart of the pacifist. This is the bayonet drill. Lines of dummies with the vital spots painted on them are daily charged by the Florida boys in the way that they anticipate giving it to the Germans. The officers have instructed the men to run slowly and at the moment of attack to give out a loud yell. They do. Don't worry. If a Florida boy ever hits a German with the same force he is sure to go down. They strike so hard at times that it takes some time to draw the bayonet from the dummy.

Another exercise, the boys go through with would seem silly to some folks. It is nothing but a game called "three deep." A bunch of men line up in two circles and leave one man on the outside. When the outside man stands in the back of a pair of men, the man in front dashes out and tries to catch the odd man. It looks simple, but it is really hard work and is designed to keep the men trained to run, and at the same time give them an incentive for doing it.

Yet another game is called "cock fighting." The men line up in pairs with arms folded and bump each other around the country. This is to aid a soldier in learning how to keep his balance when being attacked.

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All the men are eagerly looking forward to Christmas. Only a month away, but it will be here in a shorter time than most of us anticipate. It, too, will come just like Thanksgiving – so far away from the last payday that everybody will be broke. But that is a constant ailment in the army. Anyway, they all are sure to be remembered by the folks at home with little presents and kind letters which will go a long way toward relieving a homesick boy on that day of all days. Even the early packages are being held in the post office till Christmas day for delivery.

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Concerning Christmas, this correspondent wishes to make a few suggestions for the folks at home to insure their loved ones getting Christmas packages and getting them on time.

Most important is the address. Be sure to put his company on the address.

Thus:

“John P. Doe,

“Co. L, 124th Inft.

“Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga.”

Next in importance is the wrapping. Wrap the package and pack it with this in mind: your package may be at the bottom of a heavy sack of mail and may have to stand the force of all the weight on top when the bag is thrown. The best method especially if there be eatable in the box is to use a light wooden box, well nailed. Don’t put oranges or other round fruit in a cardboard box. It will crush every time. It is certainly poor judgment to work a long time on getting up a box for your boy and then to pack it insecurely so that half of the contents may be spilled when it arrives.

In wrapping clothes in a bundle, such as a sweater, mittens, etc., tie the bundle with stout twine and tie it tight. Mail the package at least by the 20th, with the inscription “Hold for Christmas,” and you may be sure that the box will be delivered on time. The reason for this is obvious. The mail trains will be overworked and the post office will be flooded with packages, and the package that is the best marked is the easiest handled. It will probably be a long, long time before another Christmas will be spent in the United States for most of the men, so with this in mind, remember your soldier.

Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
December 18, 1917

NOTES OF COMPANY M

(By Sergt. Rex E. St. John.)

Camp Wheeler, Ga., Dec. 17. – For the first time in their lives some of these south Florida Crackers saw snow and ice on the ground. Yes, Camp Wheeler is in the grip of old Jack Frost.

One can walk down the company street and hear the tinkle of string instruments and the voices of the various songsters, entertaining the inmates of their tents. All are grouped around the stoves and seem to be enjoying themselves despite the cold.

Everyone is planning on going home for Christmas. It will probably be their last chance to tell their relatives good-bye before going to the front, as there will be no more holidays until July Fourth. The writer will be there if plans don’t go wrong.

Sergeant Allen, Sergeant Frazier and Sergeant St. John went into Macon Saturday night and saw the musical comedy, “Have a Heart,” and arrived in camp at midnight nearly frozen, and while still in bed someone said “Atlanta,” and so still under the effects of “Have a Heart” we all hustled around and boarded the train just as it pulled out. And, fool like, toured all over Atlanta in as cold a wind as Dixieland ever has, and left in a snowstorm. Yes, we met the Atlanta girls and had a wonderful time. Sergeant Frazier insists that I inform the public of a little incident that happened while driving through the city with two of the fair sex. The young lady sitting with Sergeant

St. John remarked that she was cold, and Sergeant St. John politely told the young lady to change seats with him, where the wind would not strike her. Sergeant St. John believes absolutely in safety first.

Private Thigpin just reported back from Miami, and reports having a great time, being treated like a human being for a change.

Sergeant Chris Rooney received a letter recently which seemed to please him immensely. What was it, "little four." The big four are very careful that I don't get any more news.

Harry Acker attended another social function Sunday and again lost something. This time his voice.

Earl M. Shearer has demonstrated his ability as a soldier and has been made a first-class private. He is undoubtedly the most efficient selectman received and he will make rapid progress and will receive another promotion in the near future.

We all regret the death of Private Barclay, which occurred last week at the base hospital. He gave up his life in the service of his country, and that is as noble a death as one could desire. He gave his all, and his memory should be honored and cherished by all who held him dear.

As the entire company cannot go home Christmas, the friends and relatives of those who must remain perched on the red hills of Georgia can send the usual cheer to them, and will be doing their bit accordingly.

Notes:

It is a little confusing that the writer saying everyone planning to go home for Christmas, and ended saying the entire company cannot go home around that time. I am inclined to think that a lot did go visit their families and friends, but some had to stay behind to hold Camp Wheeler.

**Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
December 21, 1917**

BAKER ISSUES HOLIDAY ORDER

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Camp Commanders May Give Furloughs to Florida Soldiers For Christmas Season.

(Special to The Herald.)

Washington, Dec. 20. – Secretary of War Baker, taking heed of the universal protest made against his order of a few days ago that no more than five percent of the soldier in the national guard and national army camps should be given furloughs and allowed to go home for the Christmas holidays, today rescinded that order, and, in its stead, issued instructions to all the camp commanders to use their own discretion in furloughing the men during Christmas week.

This leaves the number of men to be furloughed entirely in the hands of camp commanders, except that the new order directs the camp commanders not to furlough so many men that railroad traffic will be blocked.

This order, which is the result of insistent pleading of the men for an opportunity to spend Christmas at home before going to France, and the protests of their families and friends over Secretary Baker's order, will permit the commanders at Camp Wheeler, where the Florida national guard is quartered, and at Camp Jackson, where the Florida national army men are training, to grant furloughs to a large number of the Florida boys to go to their homes during the holidays.

Notes:

I'm sure that Hugh Lawrence Kelley was able to furlough home. He wrote in his letter to Tessa that he was with her around those times. Hugh was visiting a few days probably because he was allowed to go on furlough.

The letter that Hugh proves this. In the letter he states, "My darling, come to me so we can be together for a few days at least. And then if it is God's will for us to part forever, we can pray to meet again in the next life, as one. If this is against his will, he would never have let us have those few hours together yesterday."

Hugh wrote that letter on December 24th, 1917.

**Letter: Hugh Lawrence Kelley to Tessa Rosamond Mills
Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia
December 24, 1917**

My Dearest Tessa-

I arrived at the camp eight o'clock this morning, just about four hours late. However they never said one word to me, and I haven't had to do anything all-day. I had a two or three hour nap this afternoon and a little short one on the train, and tonight is the first time I've eaten anything since I left there.

I have another twenty four hour pass, but am afraid to risk coming back, with the trains returning so late. However I am tempted to try it anyway, and if I knew that this was the last chance I would have to see you. I would risk anything on earth to be with you for just one short hour. However I feel more hopeful than usual, if the feeling will only last.

Now my dearest little girl, I know that it is as hard for me, because I know that your love is as deep as mine. I know that we love deeper than most others. Therefore it is bound to go harder with us than it would with lots of others. But we must do whatever is best for you, and you will have to be the one to decide what is best.

I know that you will be just as much to me while I'm away as you would if we were married. But somehow I feel too, weak or my love too strong for me not to want you now. And it would be wrong for me to try and make you believe otherwise.

I know that the money that I am making at present would not help you much. At least it would not be more than enough to pay your board for a while. I would be able to give you forty dollars per month after the first two or three months. I would have to allot you fifteen dollars per month and the government will allow fifteen per month too. That will be thirty dollars per month, and I will have twenty-one dollars left to pay for the little that I need. But I do not need much than five dollars for that.

I owe a little now, but it will not take long to pay that, and after that I would send you forty dollars each month, besides paying the insurance, which will be six dollars and fifty cents per month.

I know that this is very little to offer you. But someday we can have a little home and we will be happy too. Because we will live for each other. I know that nothing on earth will ever come between us. As for your religious belief, I know that it will never cause any regrets on either side. If you believed different to what you do I doubt if we would have never known of our love for each other.

My darling come to me so we can be together for a few days at least. And then if it is God's will for us to part forever, we can pray to meet again in the next life, as one. If this is against his will, he would never have let us have those few hours together yesterday. And I know that he would make it easier for us, if it had been intended for rest to give each other eye any longer.

I can't write any more, everything _____ to be tearing me to pieces. Forgive me if I have failed to stand the test.

Yours until death
Hugh.

P.S.

I am not going to camp tomorrow at all, but will spend the day alone. I have a room to myself where I can be alone with my thoughts. If I can't be with you I do not care to see anyone else.

With love always
Hugh.

Court Record: Hugh Lawrence Kelley and Tessa Rosamond Mills Marriage Certificate
Bibbs County, Georgia
December 29, 1917

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF GEORGIA, BIBB COUNTY

To any Judge, Justice of the Peace, or Minister of the Gospel:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO JOIN

Hugh L. Kelley (and) *Tessa R. Mills*

In the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State, and for so doing, this shall be your sufficient License. And you are hereby required to promptly return this License to me, with you certificate hereon, of the fact and date of the Marriage.

Given under my hand and seal, this *29th* day of *December* 1917

(can't read) *Wily* ORDINARY (L. S.)

CERTIFICATE GEORGIA, BIBB COUNTY

I Certify, That *Hugh L. Kelley* and *Tessa R. Mills*
Were joined in Matrimony by me, this *29th* day of *December* 1917

Chas G. Earnest M. G.

Newspaper: The Macon Daily Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
December 30, 1917

OLD SWEETHEARTS MARRY

Florida School Teacher Comes to Macon to Wed Mechanic in 124th Infantry.

Miss. Tessa R. Mills, a schoolteacher of Miami, Fla., came to Macon yesterday to wed her childhood sweetheart, H. L. Kelley, of Apopka, Fla., a member of Company M, 124th Infantry. Kelley is a Mechanic in his regiment.

They appeared last night at the home of Rev. Charles G. Earnest, pastor of the East Macon Methodist church and asked that they be married. The pastor tied the knot.

Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
January 6, 1918

MR. HUGH L. KELLEY WEDS MISS TESSA MILLS.

Word was received by Mrs. Frank Quigg of the marriage of her sister, Miss Tessa Mills to Hugh Kelley on the 29th of December. The wedding occurred in Macon, Ga., where Miss Mills had gone to spend Christmas with a sister of the groom.

Mr. Kelley is a member of Company M of Miami and the bride is a teacher on the South Side.

**Newspaper: The Macon Daily Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
January 13, 1918**

SHOES FREEZE TO FLOORS OF CAMP WHEELER TENTS; MEN MAKING BEAT OF THE STORM

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Water That Was Not Drained From Infantry Sections Freezes Into Solid Cake of Ice During the Night.

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Big Redpath Tent Blows Down and Piano Rolls From Stage and Turns Over – Transformer Falls.

The water had just about all drained off the 121st and 122nd Infantry when the big freeze of early Saturday morning struck the camp, but the Infantry machine gun battalions, the 106th Engineers and the 123rd and 124th Infantry regiments awoke yesterday morning to find that much of the water was still standing around their tents and in their company streets.

The officers' quarters of the 123rd Infantry probably suffered more than any other from the run-off of the cloudburst in the 121st and 122nd Infantry of Friday night. Not only was the half foot of water around their tents frozen over, but several inches of ice covered the floors of the tents.

Shoes Frozen to Floors.

Many of the officers arose from their sandwiched-in warmth of army blankets only to place their feet on several inches of ice in their tents. Their army shoes were frozen to the floor hard and fast, the stove pipe had been blown away, and the coal and wood frozen in piles of ice, while outside in the morning a bugler made the air wrangle with the notes of his reveille call. It was a cold and shivery predicament for any man's son, but to be a soldier from Florida or South Alabama (123rd and 124th Infantry) was adding one more "amen" to what Sherman declared war was.

The enlisted men seemed not to suffer so much from the overflow and frozen habitats. The fact that several occupied the same tent and the presence of guards in the company streets during the night saved them from the experience of their ranking brothers in arms. The quartermaster department was drawn on considerably during the earlier part of the night to save the men from having to sleep on damp blankets. As far as reported to the different headquarters, there was little suffering because of the storm and the cold weather which followed.

Wind Tears Out Tents.

The high winds which followed the storm caused more discomfort than the flood of the afternoon. Tent flaps could not be kept down nor tent flies fastened down. The peggings were continually pulled up and soldiers had to get out in their "nighties" and fasten them down while the "cussing" which rang out in the cold air was rich and bracing.

During the big windstorm a transformer fell from one of the posts in the 61st Infantry Brigade, causing the lights in the section of the camp to go out. The ground was thoroughly wet and the pyrotechnic display which followed attracted soldiers from every part of the camp. The sentries, not knowing what was causing the big streams of red and blue flames shooting far into the air began to fire their guns and the fire alarm was given for the Infantry section.

Later Kills Taxi Driver.

The wire leading from the transformer was the same that later killed John Tulley, taxicab driver. Tulley was allowed to pass the guard, the guard probably thinking that he would run over the wire with a perfect insulation by the rubber tires. Instead of following out the supposition, he is said to have tried to pick up the wire and let his car run beneath.

During the flood and while one of the tent floors was floating about, a corporal ordered one of his squad to stay on the "military raft" so that the five cots and the personal equipment of the men could be kept on. The light in the tent was burning and while seated in the doorway and while marooned away from the rest of the company the soldier passed the time away to the amusement of those in his company street by singing "Pharaoh's Army Got Drown-did; So Show Me the Way to Go Home."

Piano Rolls Away.

The big Redpath on the Infantry section of the camp was blown down and the piano rolled off the stage and turned bottom upwards. A rescuing party under the direction of Carroll Hughes, of the Knights of Columbus hall, was getting the piano to safety when the second storm broke. The water-soaked piano was frozen and is probably a total loss. The benches, chairs and stage effects were blown over the camp and are gradually finding their way back to the tent by willing workers among the soldiers.

Several of the big panel windows in the top of the Knights of Columbus hall were smashed in by the storm and the rain beat in upon the furnishings. Four or five soldiers at each of the big double doors fought during the storm to keep the storm from breaking through.

Windows and doors in several of the army Y. M. C. A. buildings were yesterday reported smashed in. Some of the roofing was blown off the buildings, but aside from leaks the water caused them little damage.

Drivers Are Scarce.

Few of the soldier came into the city yesterday on account of the scarcity of taxicab drivers, who were "A. W. O. L." for the day on account of the cold weather. The few which were running to and from the city seemed to be under a wrong impression as to the recent order from Colonel Crenshaw relative to rates and were charging the maximum fare, which the order permits, saying, "Orders from Colonel Crenshaw." As the rates now stand, through as alleged collusion of the drivers in the city, it will cost a soldier \$1 for the round trip.

The worst part of the new system is that the people of the city get blamed by the soldiers for the prevailing price of transportation and also miss considerable trade from the soldiers who must make their visit farther apart than formerly on account of the rules by the drivers, which in turn are blamed on the officers of Camp Wheeler.

Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
January 13, 1918

JACKSONVILLE WAS ISOLATED BY A TORNADO

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Telegraph And Telephone Wires Were Down And Little News Camp Though – Damage At Camp Wheeler

(Special to The Herald)

Jacksonville, Jan. 12. – Jacksonville has been completely isolated so far as telegraphic communication is concerned from the rest of the world since 5:30 p. m. Friday, when the last remaining wires to the north went out of commission as the result of a tornado which swept through the south-east late yesterday.

Efforts to re-establish telegraphic and telephone communication were without result.

Just before the wires failed it was known that the tornado had struck Macon and wrought considerable havoc at Camp Wheeler near that city. The extent of the damage is unknown. Several persons were reported injured.

High winds followed by torrential rains visited Jacksonville just after dark. Many signs were torn from their fastenings and several plate glass windows broken.

Very little war news came through during the afternoon. Dispatches from London, however, stated that the Bolshevik government in Russia is preparing to resume fighting if the peace plan fails.

Apparently there has been no fighting of importance on the various fronts, the operations consisting of trench raids and local infantry actions.

The sixth annual convention of the Florida State Stock association came to an end in Jacksonville Friday at noon, Kissimmee being selected as the 1919 meeting place. Dr. W. F. Blackman was re-elected president.

Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
January 18, 1918

CAMP WHEELER TORNADO

Sergeant A. A. Subers of Donaldson, Ga., and W. Lamar Williams of Macon, Ga., are among the recent visitors in Miami. These gentlemen are making a tour of the state and are delighted with the east coast and Miami, where they will spend another week.

Speaking of the recent tornado which struck Camp Wheeler and killed two men, Sergeant Subers said that Camp Wheeler was six feet under water as a result of the tornado and that floored tents with men in them were picked up and thrown to other locations. The inundations and intense cold has caused much suffering among the men in camp there.

Newspaper: The Macon Daily Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
January 22, 1918

DEATH AND FUNERALS

MRS. F. A. WHITAKER.

WAYCROSS, Jan. 21. – The funeral of Mrs. F. A. Whitaker, 32 years old, who died here Saturday morning, was held from the residence this afternoon. Interment was at Oakland cemetery. The deceased is survived by her husband, three sisters, Mrs. J. I. Woodard, of Waycross; Mrs. R. C. Lansdell, of Hephzibah, and Mrs. W. L. Perrish, of Adel, and three brothers, G. W. Kelley, of High Springs, Fla.; H. L. Kelley, of the 124th infantry at Camp Wheeler, and T. L. Kelley, of the 80th Artillery at Fort Oglethorpe.

Notes:

This is Susie May Kelley Whitaker, the daughter of Dr. George Washington Kelley Jr. (1861-1901) and Effie Cumming (1865-1896). Susie was born around January 1886. She was married to Freeman Ancel Whitaker (1876-1958). They were married on November 25th, 1915 in the state of Georgia.

Newspaper: The Augusta Herald
Augusta, Georgia
January 27, 1918

HARLEM NEWS

Harlem, Ga. –

Mrs. J. M. Whittaker was called to Waycross on Tuesday by the sudden death of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. F. A. Whitaker. Friends of Mrs. Whitaker hoped that by a painful operation her life might be saved, when she suddenly changed for the worse. The bereaved family are greatly sympathized with. Mr. Whitaker has been several years at railroad work in Waycross, and now will board with relatives.

Notes:

Again, this is Susie May Kelley Whitaker. It's interesting with here is that she had a painful operation as mentioned. It is noted too, that her son (George) was born on January 12th as well died that very same day. Question remains was it birth complications?

**Newspaper: The Herald and News
Newberry, South Carolina
February 1, 1918**

ONE KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED AT CAMP WHEELER.

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Serious Property Damage By Tornado in South.

Macon, Ga. - A tornado, followed by a torrential rain. Swept down upon Macon and vicinity, killing one man and injuring several others and doing serious property damage in the city and at Camp Wheeler, near here. All communication with the camp was cut off shortly after the storm broke, but telephone communication reestablished revealed that the greatest damage done there was from the rain, which had flooded many of the hospital tents, 16 of which were blown down. It was estimated that 150 patients were in the tents but early reports from the camp said there were no injuries.

The collapse of the corral of the 122nd infantry caused the only death reported, that of Private Harris, of Atlanta.

After the tornado passed over the camp, its course turned in the direction of the city. It hurled 14 freight cars on the Macon, Dublin & Savannah railroad, on a siding near the camp, from the tracks and passed over the Central City Park, wrecking the racetrack and baseball grandstands and demolished a building in which were quartered wild animals belonging to a circus. Some of the beast were crushed under the debris while others escaped but were captured by showmen.

Fires broke out in several sections of the city during the storm.

**Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
February 7, 1918**

CAMP WHEELER NOTES

(By Sergeant J. K. Williams.)

It has been about a month since I last wrote and in that time several things have taken place and I hardly know how to start. Things have been moving pretty lively for the last few days though, and I thought it would be best to send in a few notes.

The outstanding event of the last week was the transfer of about 150 or 200 men from our regiment to the Motor Mechanics regiment, now forming at Camp Hancock. Gen. Pershing has sent a hurry up call to this country for a regiment of mechanics to tend the vast fleet of aeroplanes that the U.S. has in the war, hence the recent order.

The names of those transferred familiar to the Miami people are these:

Bugler Millman J. H. Pinder, whose mother lives in Key West, he himself though having enlisted with the Miami-company, and was Bugler at the time of his transfer.

Bugler Clyde E. Ulrich who will be favorably remembered as a truck driver for one of the hardware stores in Miami. His home is in Fort Pierce, Fla., though he has many relatives in Miami.

Sergeant Edward C. Allen, also an auto driver, besides being one of the most popular sergeants of Company M.

Sergeant Harry Mitchell also will be well remembered in Miami, being the recruiting sergeant while Company M was at home last fall.

Corporal William A. Flowers, son of W. T. Flowers, who was a mechanic at the Miami Tire Co., and was at the border in Texas.

All of the above men will soon see active service in France, as their term of training at Camp Hancock, Ga., is to be short. Their friends that were left behind gave them a sendoff that carried the best of luck, even if tinged a little with envy. The boys left behind have no way of knowing how soon they will be able to get across, but hope that it will be early.

Corporal Earl S. Roberts and Corporal Acker have been promoted to sergeants to fill the vacancies caused by the leaving of Sergeant Allen and Mitchell.

Clement Duval has been transferred to the First N. H. regiment as interpreter. He having a fluent knowledge of the French language. Several others in the regiment were transferred at the same time.

Mechanic Hugh L. Kelley who was fortunate in getting for his future "captain" one of Miami's young lady school teachers, has been detailed to division headquarters and is foreman of construction, on a lot of new work that is being done at the camp, although he has not permanently left Company M.

Not the least of the losses Company M has suffered in the last week is in that of Barber Charles L. Baldwin. He, with others, was transferred to the machine gun company and his absence is keenly felt. Along with him being transferred to the machine gun company is Edward T. Rossie, Calton V. Powell, Luther M. Edwards, Thomas J. Lewis and Fred W. Hamilton.

Those members of Company M who were transferred to headquarters company are as follows: William A. Mizelle, Earl L. Smith, Alpha C. Hill and Harold Van Ostrand, all of the above men being first class privates.

Two members of Company M have died since the beginning of the year. William H. Johnson, who will be remembered as a clerk at the Century Clothing store on Twelfth Street, and Robert F. Dregors, also of Miami. The remains W. H. Johnson were carried to Jacksonville, and those of Robert F. Dregors taken to Miami. William H. Johnson was enlisted in Miami last fall and was one of the best liked boys in the company.

The following men who have been sick in the base hospital of pneumonia were sent to the general hospital at Fort McPherson, Ga., for recuperation: Geo. U. Strickland, Harry W. Joyner, R. L. Williams, W. E. Overmeyer and William W. Stanton. It will be remembered that Stanton was seriously ill the first of the year and his condition was at that time grave. However, it is with pleasure that the correspondent notes that all of these men are on the rapid road to recovery.

Part of Company M were on the rifle range for the last two weeks and the rest of them will go this week. The boys all enjoy this trip, and it is especially attractive to those men that have never shot the Army rifle. Your correspondent was there this last week and wishes to testify that the army rifle has a kick like a Georgia mule. However, if handled right, like the mule, it is harmless.

The range is some 10 miles below the camp at a little out of the way place called Phillip Station. With the water scarce and it raining all the time too, this camp is unique, in that there is "water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink." Most of the fellows bathed Chinese fashion – out of a cup.

But the sport of the shoot far overcomes any short coming of the camp. To lay flat on the ground, draw a fine bead on the target, hold your breath, squeeze the gun to keep from getting kicked, and then to imagine that target is a Hun, is more hunting than any of the boys have had this fall.

Reports reaching the camp from the training camp at Leon Springs, Tex., where First Sergeant Pope, Sergeant Frazier and Sergeant St. John are training for commissions, say that our boys are getting along just fine. It is with pleasure that we anticipate saluting "our own" young officers, when they get out of the school.

Carl O. Anderson, Claude L. Copeland, Harney C. Cain, Robert I. Henry, William B. Ingram, Charles S. Mills and Stephen C. Stone, all of Company M, 124th infantry, have been transferred to the 118th machine gun battalion.

Most of the fellows in this camp have taken advantage of the government's liberal plan of insurance, and those that haven't will before the time expires on February 12th. This is one of the best things that Uncle Sam has done for his fighting men. He has made it so that a man going to war will have his burdens lightened by knowing that in the event of his death or total disability, in the service of the union government will take care of him or his family. This together with the allotment plan, makes for a peace of mind not attendant with the soldier in other wars. An average of six dollars per month per man will pay for \$10,000 insurance, and being taken out of his pay every month, it is hardly missed. When on leaving the service the soldier can still keep up his insurance by paying this small premium. This insurance is not attachable and it can only be made out to immediate kin.

The weather this last month has been awfully cold interspersed with a lot of rain. The cold has about abated, but the rain keeps up. The whole camp is so muddy it is no place for a lady with buckskin shoes. However the soldiers manage to get along in it, and are going steadily forward in the training schedule. We have only one night off a week now, which is Saturday night. Of course Sunday night is included too but all day Sunday is a holiday. This new schedule is designed to get the men trained in as short time as possible.

Notes:

Hugh Lawrence Kelley kept the insurance paper in his possession that was made mentioned in this newspaper article, and now it's in the holding of Leah Kelley. It is a paper certificate from The United State of America Treasury Department, Bureau of War Risk Insurance. Hugh applied for insurance in the amount of \$10,000. The date of the insurance effective was February 1, 1918. If something happened to him in his service (death or permanent disability), he or the beneficiary would collect monthly \$57.50.

Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
March 9, 1918

Personal Mention

Mrs. Hugh L. Kelley has resigned her school on Southside and gone to Macon to be near her husband, who is in Company M, 124th infantry, Camp Wheeler. Mrs. Kelley will be remembered as Miss Tessa Mills.

Newspaper: The Ocala Banner
Ocala, Florida
March 29, 1918

MISS ANNE MOORHEAD TO WED MR. LAWRENCE KELLEY, JR., ON EASTER MONDAY

Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Moorhead announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Anne, to Mr. James Lawrence Kelley, jr., of Gainesville, their marriage to be solemnized at Grace Episcopal church in this city on Easter Monday at high noon.

Miss Moorhead is the second of the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead, old and prominent residents of this city. She was born and reared to charming young womanhood here. She is a graduate of the Ocala High school and for several year attended the Woman's college at Tallahassee and she has a wide circle of friends throughout the state who will be very cordially interested in the news of her approaching marriage.

Mr. Kelley is a son of Dr. J. L. Kelley, of Gainesville, a prominent and well known citizen of that city and formerly superintendent of public instruction for Alachua county. He has been for some years a student at the University of Florida and he likewise has a great many friends in different parts of the state to whom the news of his coming marriage to a popular Ocala girl will be of much pleasurable interest.

The marriage of Miss Moorhead and Mr. Kelley will take place quietly at the church and immediately after the marriage ceremony, Mr. Kelley and his young bride will leave in his car for a motor trip, their destination to remain a secret. After their wedding trip, they will come to Ocala for a short visit with the bride's parents. Mr. Kelley expects to enlist within a few weeks in the coast artillery and when he goes into service, his young wife hopes to take up Y. M. C. A. work for which she has applied. On account to enlist shortly his marriage to Miss Moorhead was hastened several weeks and owing to their change of plans no formal invitations to their wedding will be issued but all friends are invited to be present at the marriage ceremony on Monday, April first.

Note:

I love that this announcement stating that they would have their marriage done quietly. Then the next clipping stating that the little church was crowded, and that they couldn't leave quickly because of their many friends that attended. So much for a quiet little wedding.

**Newspaper: Ocala Evening Star
Ocala, Florida
April 1, 1918**

OCALA SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Marriage of Miss Anne Moorhead to Mr. J. L. Kelley Jr.

A wedding of more than usual interest not only to Ocala people but throughout the state was solemnized today at high noon at Grace Episcopal church, when Miss Anne Moorhead, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moorhead, became Mrs. J. Lawrence Kelley Jr.

Before the ceremony, several selections were played by Miss Irma Blake, the organist. The little church was crowded, and almost the entire high school body arrived just in time to witness the marriage of their recent schoolmate.

Misses Sara Dehon, Susie Lou Ellis and Emma Perry were the ushers and wore pretty frocks and picture hats, and corsage bouquets of sweet peas.

The church was lovely – and remained in its green and white Easter decorations of yesterday. The altar was decorated with Easter lilies and wax tapers, and the chancel rail was covered with greens, in front of which were oleander and solanum blossoms. At the chancel was a white arch covered with asparagus fern under which the betrothal ceremony took place.

To Lohengrin's Bridal strains, Miss Moorhead entered on the arm of her father, Mr. J. R. Moorhead. She wore a stunning Copenhagen blue hat. Her Georgette blouse was gray as were her slippers, and she carried a white prayer book with a shower of sweet peas.

They were met at the chancel by Mr. Kelley and his best man, Mr. John McCarty of Gainesville. Rev. G. A. Ottmann, the rector, officiated at the ring ceremony.

To the happy strains of Mendelssohn's, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley left the church, but were stopped in the grounds by their many friends who flocked out to congratulate and wish them happiness. They left at once in their National clover-leaf car and will make short stops in Gainesville and Jacksonville and will then go to Atlanta. Upon their return the last of this week they will spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead.

The Star joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Kelley in wishes for a long life of happiness and prosperity.

Among the out of town guests at this wedding were Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Kelley and Mr. Shannon Dell of Gainesville; Miss Eupha King of Dunnellon, and Mr. and Mrs. James Holder and Misses Irene and Helen Holder of Crystal River.

Item: Army Transport Service Passenger Lists

October 17, 1918

Hugh L. Kelley,

Hugh Lawrence Kelley departed from New York City, New York on October 17, 1918 heading for England. He was on a ship called the RMS Olympic.

On the list it shows that Hugh's serial number was 1352336. His rank was that of a Mechanic under Company "M" 124th Infantry, 31st Division.

Hugh's address was at 413 ½ Avenue D, Miami, Florida. His spouse is listed as Tessa R. Kelley.

Note:

This ship-log had less information in comparisons to the other ship-log when Hugh came back to the United States.

This record is found on Ancestry.com, under U.S., Army Transport Service, Passenger Lists, 1910-1939. Also on Fold3, under US Army WWI Transport Service, Passenger Lists.

Item: Army Transport Service Passenger Lists

October 25, 1918

Hugh L. Kelley,

Hugh Lawrence Kelley departed from Southampton, England on October 25, 1918 heading for France He was on a ship called the HMS Antrim.

On the list it shows that Hugh's serial number was 1352336. His rank was that of a Mechanic under Company "M" 124th Infantry, 31st Division.

Hugh's address was at 413 ½ Avenue D, Miami, Florida. His spouse is listed as Tessa R. Kelley.

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Newspaper: Miami Daily Metropolis

Miami, Florida

March 27, 1919

Personal

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Kelley, 413 1/2 Avenue C, an eight-pound daughter. Mr. Kelley is still in the service in France.

Newspaper: Miami Daily Metropolis

Miami, Florida

April 2, 1919

VITAL STATISTICS

Reported by the Board of Health Today.

BIRTHS

Joyce Rosamond Kelley, white, born March 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lawrence Kelley of 413 Avenue C.

**Item: Army Transport Service Passenger Lists
July 15, 1919**

Hugh L. Kelley,

Hugh Lawrence Kelley departed from Saint Nazaire, France on July 5, 1919. He arrived to Brooklyn, New York on July 15, 1919 at 7:45 p.m. on the U.S.S. South Bend. The U.S.S. South Bend was used as a transport ship for the First World War troops. Hugh would be heading to Camp Merritt after his arrival to Brooklyn.

On the list it shows that Hugh's serial number was 1352336. His rank was that of a Wagoner under the arms of Engineers. His unit was with the Company "B" 131st Engineer's Battalion.

Hugh's address was at 413 ½ Avenue C, Miami, Florida. His spouse is listed as Tessa Kelley.

Note:

Newspaper stated that Hugh was with the 134th Engineers, and not mentioned the Company "B" 131st Engineer's Battalion as suggested on this passengers list. I'm not sure why the difference.

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**Newspaper: The Weekly Kansas City Star
Kansas City, Missouri
July 16, 1919**

SHIPS BRING CASUAL UNITS.

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South Bend and Floridian Were Docked Last Night.

NEW YORK, July 16, - The transports South Bend, from St. Nazaire with 2,247 troops, and Floridian, from Bordeaux with 1,829 troops, arrived last night. The South Bend brought units of the 131st Engineers, the 61st, 158th and 164th companies of the transportation corps, the 120th Camp Hospital and 100th Base Hospital and casuals,

The Floridian brought casuals.

Note:

Hugh Lawrence Kelley was returning from St. Nazaire, France, on the U.S.S. South Bend. Hugh was in the Company "B" 131st Engineer's Battalion unit.

**Newspaper: The Philadelphia Inquirer
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
July 17, 1919**

Ten More Transports on Way

WASHINGTON, July 16, - Expected transport arrivals announced today included:

South Bend, due at New York, July 16, with Headquarters Detachment, Companies A and B, 131st Engineers, 61st, 158th and 164th Transportation Companies, Camp Hospital 120. Sales Commissary Unit 35, 44th Ambulance Company, Base Hospital 100, 60th Motor Transport Company, one convalescent detachment and seven casual companies.

Note:

Hugh Lawrence Kelley was returning from St. Nazaire, France, on the U.S.S. South Bend. Hugh was in the Company "B" 131st Engineer's Battalion unit.

This newspaper listed other transports that I didn't transcribe, I wanted to focus on the transport steam ship that Hugh Lawrence Kelley was on.

Newspaper: Miami Daily Metropolis
Miami, Florida
July 23, 1919

Hugh L. Kelley Back in States, Home Soon

Mrs. Hugh L. Kelley of this city is the recipient of a telegram from her husband announcing his arrival in America last week.

Mr. Kelley was a member of Company M which left here in September of 1917. He was later transferred to the 131st Engineers and arrived in France just two weeks before the armistice was signed. Upon his arrival in America he was stationed at Camp Merritt, Jersey City, and expected to leave shortly for Camp Gordon, Georgia, where he would receive his discharge.

Mr. Kelley will probably arrive in Miami sometime this week. Mrs. Kelley was formerly Miss Tessa Mills, of this city. Their little daughter Joyce, who is only four months of age, has never seen her father.

Notes:

There a typo error in the news report that Hugh served in the 134th Engineers. I corrected it to 131st Engineers after cross examined other reliable records proving this.

Interestingly, the details as when Hugh came to France, it was two weeks before the signing of the armistice. The armistice was signed on November 11th, 1918.

On the enlistment papers, Hugh took home with him, shows that He was in France on October 17th, 1918. Hugh left France and arrived in the United States on July 15th, 1919. He made his way to Camp Gordon, Georgia, on July 25th, 1919, he was then discharged.

Newspaper: Miami Daily Metropolis
Miami, Florida
July 29, 1919

SIX MORE MIAMI MEN ARE BACK HOME AGAIN FROM ARMY SERCICE

G. B. Cothron, E. B. Rosborough, Harold Barker, Hugh Kelley, Henry Campbell and Charles Munro Return

G. B. Cothron, of the 31st division, 106 Engineers, has recently received his discharge, having arrived in America on July 5. He sailed from Brest and landed at Newport News, Va. He spent one year in France, and during most of that time was busily engaged in the construction work at Brest. His friends are welcoming him back to Miami, where he is employed at his former position, as trainman with the Florida East Coast.

Another Miamian back from overseas is E. B. Rosborough, who arrived in New York, July 13, after spending 11 months across. He was a member of the 31st division, and worked in the supply service in England. He also spent a part of his time in the construction work in Lemans, France, where he stayed until he left for Brest, where he boarded a transport for America. Mr. Rosborough before enlisting in the army was a brakeman on the Florida East Coast railroad, and is again at work at his former position.

"You bet I am glad to get back," Sergeant Harold Barker declared this morning upon his arrival from New York city where he arrived four days ago from Paris. He had been across seas one year, did not see service in the front lines but was a motorcycle dispatch bearer behind the lines in the motorcycle company 306. Mr. Barker received his

discharge in France and became associated with the American Relief administration in Lille and later went on missions for the administration to Brussels, Antwerp, Ostend and Rouge.

From Camp Gordon, Ga.

Hugh L. Kelley has recently arrived in Miami bringing with him his discharge. He arrived in America last week from France, where he spent eight months with the 131 engineers.

Henry Campbell of the Sunset division, who saw service across seas for a year, having worn the uniform for two years, is again in Miami, arriving Sunday night to make his home with his mother. Mrs. Lula Heslington of Cordova avenue. Mr. Heslington was assigned to duty with a motor transportation corps which three times started to the front and as many times was recalled, never getting into action.

Another Miamian who is being welcomed home by many friends is Charles L. Munro, Jr., U. S. A.

Note:

The newspaper incorrectly stated that Hugh was in the 134th Engineers. Hugh was with the Company "B" 131st Engineer's Battalion unit. I corrected the news clip.

**Newspaper: Miami Daily Metropolis
Miami, Florida
July 19, 1920**

BABY KELLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Kelley are proudly announcing the birth of a son who arrived at their home, corner Fifth street and Avenue C, Friday.

Mrs. Kelley will be better remembered as Miss Tessa Mills of this city. Their first-born, Joyce, was born while her father was serving with the A. E. F. in France.

Notes:

This was their son who is named, Laurence Wayne Kelley.

Also interestingly this tells us that Hugh Lawrence Kelley served with the A. E. F. in France. From Wikipedia online is explaining what that is...

The American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) were the fighting men of the United States Army during World War I. It was established on July 5, 1917, in France under the command of General John J. Pershing. During the United States campaigns in World War I it fought alongside the French Army, British Army, Canadian Army and Australian Army on the Western Front, against the German Empire. A minority of the AEF troops also fought alongside the Italian Army in that same year, against the Austro-Hungarian Army. The AEF helped the French Army on the Western Front during the Aisne Offensive (at the Battle of Château-Thierry (1918) and Battle of Belleau Wood) in the summer of 1918, and the AEF fought its major actions in the Battle of Saint-Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in the latter part of 1918.

**Newspaper: Miami Daily Metropolis
Miami, Florida
July 29, 1920**

Births-White.

Lawrence Wayne Kelley, son of Hugh Lawrence and Tessa Mills Kelley, 301 Fifth street; born July 16.

**Newspaper: The Tampa Morning Tribune
Tampa, Florida**

September 30, 1920

In Society's Domain

TENTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Mrs. James Holder entertained most delightfully Tuesday afternoon in celebration of the tenth birthday anniversary of her attractive little daughter, Lillian.

The guests first enjoyed the vaudeville performance at the Victory Theatre, after went to the home of the hostess, No. 809 South Willow avenue, and enjoyed a number of games. At a late hour ice cream and cake was served, Mrs. Holder being assisted in caring for her guests by Mrs. A. L. Riddle. Those present on this occasion included Dorothy Cullen, Alene Jacobs, Alice Miller, Sarah Powell, Katherine Riddle, Lyoln and Margary McLaughlin, Bernice Pope, Effie Bell Woodward of Waycross, Ga., and the honoree, Lillian Holder.

Newspaper: The Miami News
Miami, Florida
July 20, 1921

Y. W. C. A. BOAT RIDE

A beautiful moon, cool breezes and jolly company! What more could a party of young people desire for a boat ride? In the opinion of those who attended the boat ride given Monday night by the Recreation Club of the Y. W. C. A., there was indeed nothing more that could have added to their happiness.

Songs and other forms of merriment helped to make the evening pass all too quickly, and after a trip as far south as cape Florida the boat wended its course back to the shores of Miami.

In the party were included: Miss Louise Gates, Miss J. Whitcomb, Miss E. Kensington, Miss J. Adair, Miss Tessa Kelley, Miss Billie Howard, Miss Eliza Jane Svedelius, Miss Dorothy Candee, Miss Agnes McParland, Miss Henrietta Allen, Miss Ruth Shields, Miss Beatrice Candee, Miss Pantry Shelf, Miss Allison Manning, Miss Evelyn Drysdale, Miss M. Cooke, Miss Jean Mathieson, Miss Cromartie, Miss McAllister, Miss Nell Gentry, Miss Ethel Frick, Miss Opal Farris, Miss Lois Botsford, Miss C. Ambler, Miss R. Delan, Miss L. Walker, Miss Marie Delan, Miss Maude Parramour, Miss C. Arnout, Miss Martha Myers, Miss Bernice Cruise, Miss Irene Beck, Miss Jewell Purdon, Miss Wiliard Ramsey, Miss Nan Daley, Miss Z. Clarke, Miss Grace Major, Miss Mary Jones, Miss Margaret Shields, Miss Maude Sweetfoot, Miss Alma Smith, Miss Edith McConkle, Miss Janeyth Moss, Miss Stella Moss, Miss Alice F. Coursen, Mrs. Mary Skinner, Mrs. L. F. Drysdale, Mrs. J. Newman, Mrs. D. B. Geddie, Mrs. J. Fordham, Mrs. E. Croniger, Mrs. R. Barrett, Mrs. C. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wetzel, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Richter, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Carrington, Mr and Mrs. C. F. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moxley, Capt. H. T. Thompson, A. H. Williams, Wiliam Inman, Howard Henshaw, J. F. Collins, George Cameron, Alexander Dorn, Andrew Dorn, Richard Moss, W. H. Pennall, Thomas Tucker, A. P. Thomas, Lee Slagel, John Baily, Harry Acker, E. O. Hughes, A. F. Given, E. V. Ambler and C. A. Anderson.

Note:

I do not know why my great grandmother (Tessa Kelley) was addressed as Miss. Tessa at this time was married to Hugh Lawrence Kelley.

Newspaper: The Miami News
Miami, Florida
November 28, 1921

THIRD BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Dorothy Comstock was an important but bewildered hostess on Saturday afternoon when a number of her little friends came to help her celebrate her third birthday anniversary at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Comstock in Riverside.

The opening of many pretty gifts afforded much pleasure to both the young hostess and her guests, and later the youngsters found the front lawn an attractive place to play games.

Snapshots of the little people around a chair on which was placed the pretty birthday cake and its three tiny red candles, were taken to serve as mementoes of a happy afternoon.

The close of the afternoon came when Mrs. Comstock, assisted by a number of grown-ups, served the birthday cake and ice cream to the delighted children.

Those assisting Dorothy in celebrating her birthday were: Sylvia Ditsler, Mary Coleman, Edelweiss Hefty, Joyce Kelley, Donald Comstock, Jr., Leslie Quigg, Jr., Wayne Kelley, Gilbert and Julian Quigg and Jack and Samuel Bruce Clark.

Another birthday party was in store for Dorothy, who one Sunday afternoon motored with her parents and wee brother Donald, Jr., out to the home of her grandmother, Mrs. John Comstock, in Allapattah. There a happy time was enjoyed with a family party of which the little honoree was the central figure. She found much pleasure in blowing out the three candles which adorned the birthday cake.

Newspaper: The News and Farmer
Louisville, Georgia
February 22, 1923

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE KELLEY

Mr. George W. Kelley died very suddenly at his home February 17th, 1923. Though having ill health for several years, his death came as a shock to the whole community.

Mr. Kelley was born March 1st, 1860. He was a native of Wilks County and the son of Capt. Francis M. and Mrs. Jane Kelley.

He came to Louisville 46 years ago and his loveable disposition and kind heart as well as his fearlessness, won him many friends. Mr. Kelley served a good many terms as Mayor of Louisville and as Tax Collector of Jefferson County and was a prominent figure in politics, and a loyal member of the Baptist church.

He was twice married. First to Miss Kate Roberson. After her death to Miss Helen Cain, who survives him. Also two children by his last marriage. Mrs J. J. Pilcher of Wrens and George W. Kelley, Jr. of this place, and one sister, Mrs. William Wayne of Washington, Ga.

Funeral service were conducted at the Baptist church by Rev. Gunter assisted by Rev. Paul Pressly.

Many and beautiful were the floral offerings. Interment was in the City Cemetery.

Among those out of town attending the funeral were: Mr. Will Kelley, Mr. Gilbert and son of Tennille. Mrs. Marion Fryer and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sewell of Hephzibah; Mrs. J. W. Pilcher, Mr. and Mrs. Millege Murphey and Mrs. Frank Story of Augusta, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Pilcher and Mrs. Carl Matthews of Wrens.

Newspaper: The Miami News
Miami, Florida
June 26, 1924

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quigg and family, and Mrs. Quigg's sister, Mrs. Hugh Kelley, and three children are planning on leaving soon for Skyland, N. C., where the Quiggs have a summer camp, expecting to be away several months.

Newspaper: The Miami News
Miami, Florida
July 5, 1924

Personal Mention

Miamians who have gone to North Carolina by motor are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quigg and two sons, Gilbert and Julian, Mrs. Quigg's sister, Mrs. Hugh Kelley, and three small children, and her niece, Miss Anita High, who are located at the Quigg cottage in Skyland, near the cottage owned and occupied by the Caspar Hefty family this summer.

Newspaper: Miami Daily News
Miami, Florida
July 10, 1924

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quigg and family, who left Miami last week in their car for Skyland, stopped over for a short visit with Mr. Quigg's brother, Harry Quigg, in Daytona. In Jacksonville they bought a new car in which they completed their trip. With them were Mrs. Quigg's relatives, Miss Anita High and Mrs. Hugh Kelley and three children.

Newspaper: Orlando Morning Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
February 7, 1926

Apopka

Hugh L. Kelley has returned from Miami to locate in Apopka and is planning a modern chicken farm. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley are now occupying the Moses residence.

Newspaper: Orlando Sunday Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
May 5, 1929

Apopka

APOPKA, May 4. - (Special) –

Hugh L. Kelley motored to Miami Tuesday on business.

Newspaper: The Miami News
Miami, Florida
May 25, 1930

News of Parent-Teacher and School Interests in the Miami District

Kinloch Park's Honor Students Are Named

Margaret Jordan and Freida McCorkle are the honor students of Kinloch Park's class of 20 which will enter junior high next year.

Mary Alice Clardy, Gertrude Hummelgarde, Joyce Kelley, Jean Moore, Ruth Martin, Margaret Pride, Frances Waring, Phyllis Nitlow, Thelma Hart, Leona Whelan, Harry Caswell, Eric Hinson, Charles McGraw, Albert Miller, Marcus Mills, Raymond Newell, Walter Weber, Nelson Wheeler.

Newspaper: Gainesville Daily Sun
Gainesville, Florida
November 19, 1935

Dr. J. L. Kelley Dies Early Today; Rites Wednesday

Dr. J. L. Kelley passed away at 1 a. m., today at the family residence on the Millhopper Road following an illness which had confined him to his bed for a number of weeks.

The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Thomas Funeral home with the Rev. C. T. Spencer of Orlando officiating. Interment will follow in the Windsor Cemetery.

Dr. Kelley was 84 years of age, a native of Gibson, Ga., where he was a practicing physician for 30 years. He later gave up his practice and moved to Florida on account of his health. Dr. Kelley was a member of the Alachua County School Board for several years and later served as Superintendent of Public Instruction of this county for eight years.

Deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. H. R. Wilburn, of Palm Beach, and five sons, A. T., Lawrence, and Earl R. Kelley, of Miami; F. M. and G. H. Kelley, of Gainesville.

Pallbearers are requested to meet at the Thomas Funeral Home tomorrow afternoon at 1:45 o'clock.

Newspaper: Miami Daily News
Miami, Florida
November 19, 1935

MIAMIANS' FATHER DIES IN GAINESVILLE

Dr. J. L. Kelley, retired physician, and father of three Miami residents, died last night at his home in Gainesville.

Well known as an educator throughout the state, Dr. Kelley held the office of superintendent of public instruction in Gainesville for some time.

His three sons, J. Lawrence Kelley, Jr., Earl R. Kelley and A. T. Kelley, all of Miami, will attend funeral services at 3 p.m. tomorrow in Gainesville.

Newspaper: Miami Daily News
Miami, Florida
December 17, 1935

CHILD IS BURNED TO DEATH WHILE STARTING FIRE

Six-Year-Old Daughter of Hugh Kelley Victim of Flames

Claire Kelley, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kelley, 4019 N. W. 37thst., died last night in a Miami hospital a few hours after she had been burned when her clothes caught fire as she was playing with matches in her front yard.

The child's mother was in the back yard when she heard screams which she at first thought were just a fight among the children.

As the child's screams took on more of a note of terror, Mrs. Kelley rushed into the house, finding her daughter in a mass of flames. Seizing curtains and a blanket, the mother smothered the flames.

Rushed to the hospital in the family automobile, the child died a few hours later.

Before she lost consciousness at the hospital, the little girl told Deputy Sheriff Ray Martens she had been trying to make a fire in her front yard when her dress caught fire. Rushing into the house, she tried to put out the flames herself.

Funeral arrangements, not yet completed, are in the hands of the W. H. Combs Funeral home.

Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
December 17, 1935

MATCH FIRE FATAL TO 6-YEAR-OLD CHILD

Mother Smothers Flames with Blanket and Rushes Victim to Hospital

Grief replaced the joyous anticipation of Christmas in one Miami home yesterday afternoon, as Claire Kelley, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kelley, 4019 N. W. Thirty-seventh street, was burned fatally when her dress became ignited while playing with matches in front of the house.

The tragedy occurred while her mother was busy in the back yard with the week's washing. Screams from the house was first interpreted by Mrs. Kelley as a fight among the children, and did not cease her labors immediately to investigate.

When the screams continued, the mother finally hurried in the house and found the child, her clothing in flames. Seizing first some curtains and then a blanket, she smothered the flames, applied lard to soothe the burns, and then took the child to the hospital in the family car.

There, Claire, still conscious, told Deputy Ray Martens that she has attempted to build a fire in the front yard and that a match had ignited her clothes. Frightened, she fled into the house and was vainly fighting the flames when her mother reached her.

She died several hours later. Funeral arrangements are in charge of the W. H. Combs Funeral Home.

Newspaper: Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
December 18, 1935

DEATH NOTICES

CLARA KELLEY

AGE 6, of 401 N. W. Thirty-seventh court, died at a local hospital Monday. She leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Kelley, four brothers, Wayne, Hal, Wallace and Wilfred, and one sister, Joyce. Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. in Combs chapel, with Rev. J. P. Monty officiating. Interment will be in Miami City cemetery.

Newspaper: Miami High Times (*high school newspaper*)
Miami, Florida
May 15, 1936

383 Seniors Receive Diplomas

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Joyce Rosamond Kelley

Favorite study: English
Hobby: Reading
Nickname: "Joy"
Ambition: To become a singer
Plans for the summer: Go to Georgia
Plans for next school year: Indefinite

Note:

On June 12, 1936, this was the graduation exercises in the school auditorium.

Newspaper: The Macon Telegraph
Macon, Georgia
October 7, 1937

Man Is Elected Hephzibah Mayor Against His Will

HEPHZIBAH, Ga., Oct. 6 (AP) – Leon Kelley is mayor of Hephzibah – but only in name. He was elected without his knowledge, without his consent, and, much against his will.

Kelley was named to the post Monday night by fellow members of the town commission while he was in North Carolina. Now, he said today, he doesn't want the job; is willing to resign, but will serve the unexpired term of the late R. A. Lansdell – "if they insist."

Kelley gave two reasons for not wanting to be chief executive of this Richmond county town. The first, he admitted modestly, was that the commission could have elected someone "more capable than I." The second, said in jest, bears some consideration however.

"You see," the new mayor laughed, "the last two mayors of Hephzibah were killed while in office."

He added with a chuckle that "all you get for being mayor here is an occasional cussing' out. There's no pay connected with the job."

Both former mayors, Lansdell, and M. H. Usher, met violent deaths. The former was victim of a hit and run driver, and the latter died in an automobile accident.

Note:

This was Thomas Leon Kelley, brother of Hugh Lawrence Kelley.

Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
December 27, 1938

SNAKE BITES WORKER AT INDIAN VILLAGE

Bitten on the right thumb by a snake, Wayne Kelley, 18, employee of Burt Lasher's Indian Village on N. W. Twenty-seventh avenue at the Miami river, was in a serious condition Monday at Jackson Memorial hospital. Kelley, who had taken a moccasin from its cage to exhibit it to a party of visitors, was bitten when his grasp relaxed sufficiently for the snake to turn its head.

Newspaper: Daytona Beach Evening News
Daytona Beach, Florida
August 20, 1939

Dobbins-Kelley

Miss Laura May Kelley of Gainesville became the bride of Walter Dobbins of this city at a quiet ceremony performed in Pierson yesterday morning by Rev. A. Noorbom. The couple will make their home here on Hollywood avenue until September when Mrs. Dobbins will fulfill her teaching contract in Gainesville. The bridegroom has lived here for many years and is employed by the Courtesy cab company.

Notes:

Laura May *Kelley* Dobbins, was the daughter of Forrest Manley Kelley and Annie C. Wimberly. Granddaughter of Dr. James Lawrence Kelley and Lilian Mae Windsor.

She wrote a letter about the Kelley family history. Look at the letter she wrote on June 3, 1979 and her obituary dating February 7, 2008 for reference.

**Newspaper: Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
April 30, 1945**

George Kelley Services Set For Tuesday

George W. Kelley, 51, died at his residence at 334 East Masonic St., following a lingering illness, yesterday. He was an Atlantic Coast Line railroad employee.

Funeral services will be held at the Episcopal Church Tuesday at 2 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Francis B. Wakefield, Jr., and burial will be in Lexington, Va. The Thomas Funeral Home has charge of local arrangements.

Active pallbearers will be C. G. Bolton, Tom Martin, B. H. Rimes, B. T. Martin, Dick McDowell and Lonnie Dean. Chosen as honorary pallbearers are Dr. J. E. Maines, Jr., Henry Turner, J. A. Phifer, James H. Paul, Dr. A. F. Berry, G. W. McCall, McL. Grady, C. B. Hodges, W. T. Coates, J. W. Boney, A. G. Moree and D. R. Holland.

Kelley was born October 17, 1893 in Louisville, Ga., He had lived here for 33 years, and in 1932 was married at Palatka to the former Miss Lillian Swink.

Survivors are his widow, three children, Mrs. Clara Bell Yeager and Miss Barbara Ann Kelley both of Lexington, Va., and George Edward Kelley, U. S. Army in the Philippines, two brothers and two sisters T. L. Kelley of Georgia, Hugh Kelley, Maimi, Mrs. Alice Kelley Parrish and Mrs. Robert C. Lansdell both of Georgia.

He was a member or the Baptist Church, the Masonic Order, the Elks Lodge and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

**Newspaper: The Miami News
Miami, Florida
May 27, 1946**

Miami High's Class Of '16 Meets For Reunion With Faculty Sunday Afternoon

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the class of 1916 of Miami High school, several members of the class and faculty had a reunion yesterday afternoon at 5 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert O. Vance, 4520 Santa Maria St., Coral Gables.

Among the 40 guests were several of the 17 graduates. Ten of the class live in Miami and they are Lysle Fesler, who was valedictorian; Mrs. I. D. MacVicar, former Florence Wharton, class prophet; Mrs. Leon Noble, former Marian Lindsay, class poet; Dr. Marion Conklin, class historian; Mrs. Herbert O. Vance, former Emily Murray, class executor; Mrs. A. D. F. Bloodworth, former Virginia Roop, Miah art editor; Miss Katie Dean, literary editor and class vice president; Mrs. Scott Stambaugh, former Griselda Houghtaling, Miah personal editor; Frances Reiner and Tessa Mills Kelley.

Honor guests were members of the faculty. W. R. Thomas, now principal of Miami Senior High, formerly taught Latin; E. E. McCarty, principal of Merrick Demonstration and associated with the University of Miami, taught Latin and mathematics; Mrs. McCarty, then Mary Eastman Taylor taught drawing.

Mrs. Hansford Tyler, former Gladys Beckwith taught American history; Miss Mary B. Merritt, now dean of women at the University of Miami, formerly taught English; Mrs. Charles S. Findley, the former Elizabeth Frost, taught domestic science; and Mrs. Charles I. Brooks, former Mary E. Sears.

From west Palm Beach, Mr. and Mrs. John Budge and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. West attended the reunion. Mrs. Budge is the former Jeanie Buck, society editor of the Miah. Mrs. West is the former Eva Clark. Other class members were Carmen Ericson Leslie of Inverness, Fla.; Mrs. Grace Clock Wells, Homer Bratley of Gainesville. John Clinkenbenbeard, now in South America, and David McClure, deceased.

**Newspaper: The Augusta Chronicle
Augusta, Georgia
July 29, 1946**

Final Rites Today For Mrs. Lansdell

Funeral services for Mrs. Amabel Kelley Lansdell, 59, who died Friday, will be held at Hephzibah Methodist church this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Chaplain Cheney Mell Meiere will officiate. Interment will be in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be: C. Lamar Morris, Foster P. Reynolds, Addison Lansdell, Rudolph Dickson, George W. Vance and John F. Sewell.

Survivors are her husband, Robert Cody Lansdell; five daughters, Miss Amabel Lansdell, Mrs. Warren Burke Bell, Hephzibah, Mrs. Chaney Mell Meiere, Augusta, Mrs. Henry Dickinson Reynolds, Charleston, and Mrs. Harold Winston Reynolds, Columbia; two brothers, H. L. Kelley, Miami, Fla., and T. L. Kelley, Hephzibah; one sister, Mrs. Alice K. Parrish, Gainesville, Fla.; four grandchildren, and one aunt and several nieces and nephews.

**Newspaper: The Augusta Chronicle
Augusta, Georgia
December 25, 1947**

Miss Alice Cummings Passes in Waycross

Wadley, Ga., Dec. 24 – Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Louisville Baptist church for Miss Alice Cummings, 85, who died today at the home of her niece in Waycross.

The Rev. B. C. McWhorter and the Rev. T. E. Burrell will officiate at the service. Interment will be in the Louisville cemetery.

Miss Cummings is survived by one brother, Clark Cummings of Columbus; and two sisters, Miss Lily Cummings of Columbus and Mrs. Mary C. Smith of Louisville.

Note:

Alice Cummings brother-in-law was Doctor George Washington Kelley. Alice's niece is Alice Kelley Parrish who was living in Waycross. According to this, Alice Cummings was in her care.

**Court Record: Hugh Wallace Kelley and Betty Lou Roberts Marriage Certificate
Dade County, Florida
April 17, 1948**

**Marriage License
CENTRAL BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS**

State of Florida, **DADE** County

To any Minister of the Gospel, or any Officer Legally Authorized to Solemnize the Rite of Matrimony:

Whereas, Application having been made to the County Judge of **DADE** County, of the State of Florida, for a license for marriage, and it appearing to the satisfaction of said County Judge that no legal impediments exist to the marriage now sought to be solemnized,

These are Therefore, To authorize you to unite in the

Holy Estate of Matrimony

H. Wallace Kelley (w) and *Betty Lou Roberts (w)*

And that you make return of the same, duly certified under your hand, to the County Judge aforesaid.

Witness, my name as County Judge, and the seal of said Court, at the Courthouse in *Miami, Florida*, this *17* day of *Apr.*, A. D. 1948

THIS LICENSE NOT VALID AFTER *May 17* 1948

By *Frank Johnston* Clerk *W. F. Blanton*, County Judge

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

I Certify, that the within named *persons* were by me, the undersigned, duly united in the Holy Estate of Matrimony, by the authority of the within License. Done this *17* day of *Apr.*, A. D. 1948, at *Miami*, Florida

Witness *Nalie Baxley*

Witness *Hulda Woods*

Hulda Woods SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF MINISTER OR LEGALLY AUTHORIZED OFFICER

Returned this *17* day of *Apr.*, A. D. 1948, and recorded in Marriage Book *62*, page *384*

W. F. Blanton, County Judge.

**Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
September 10, 1948**

Miami's Vital Statistics

Births

KELLEY, Hal. 2019 N. W. 37th ct., girl. Janet Elaine.

**Newspaper: Miami Daily News
Miami, Florida
January 22, 1949**

Births

Kelley, Hugh. 4019 N. W. 37th ct., boy, Lonnie. Jan. 4.

Note:

This was just a simple birth announcement that I would like to make in detail.

Lonnie Phillip Kelley was born at the Northwest Hospital in Miami, on January 4th, 1949 at 2 P.M. His parents are Hugh Wallace Kelley and Betty Lou *nee Roberts*. At the time of his birth, his father was working as an Electrician Helper at Marr's Electric. They were living with Wallace parents (Hugh Lawrence Kelley and Tessa Rosamond *nee Mills*,) according to the address giving. Wallace parents own a property that they farmed, outside the Miami city area.

Newspaper: The Key West Citizen
Key West, Florida
December 18, 1954

Jehovah's Witnesses Convene Here

Jehovah's Witnesses in Southern Florida are eagerly looking forward to their semi-annual 3 day circuit assembly which will be held at Wickers Stadium on December 24, 25, and 26.

The public discourse "Does God Really Care?" which will be delivered by A. Catrenzara, a traveling minister of Jehovah's Witnesses will be the highlight of the circuit assembly.

The meaning of our trying times and our assured hope of deliverance into a peaceful New World by a loving God will be fully discussed.

An interesting movie "The New World Society in Action" showing the ministry of Jehovah's Witnesses from their printing plant and missionary training school to the house to house ministry and assemblies in all parts of the world will be shown Saturday at 7:30 p. m. at the stadium.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the people of Key West to see on a small scale what the great 1953 New York convention of Jehovah's Witnesses was like.

It is expected that more than 1,500 people will attend the assembly.

Plan to be out and enjoy all these meetings.

All services are free and no collection will be taken.

Note:

Hugh Wallace Kelley and his wife Betty Lou Kelley went to this convention and were later baptized there.

Newspaper: The Key West Citizen
Key West, Florida
December 21, 1954

Religious Sect To Convene Here

A. Catanzaro, Southeastern servant and coordinator for the United States for Jehovah's Witnesses, arrived today from national headquarters in Brooklyn, N. Y., to assist with the final arrangements for the Southeast Florida Circuit Assembly here on December 24, 25 and 26.

Catanzaro, a well-known Jehovah's Witness lecturer, will deliver the feature lecture at Wickers Stadium on Sunday afternoon, December 26.

Commission O. K.

All sessions of the assembly will be held at the stadium through the cooperation of the city commission.

The cafeteria at Poinciana School has been made available for the use of the Witnesses during the assembly by the Monroe County School Board.

Over 1,500 Witnesses are expected to attend the assembly representing 20 congregations in the South Florida area.

The circuit assemblies are held every six months primarily as training sessions for the Witnesses.

Coordinator Due

Also arriving today is W. G. Shawver, coordinator of this circuit, who will speak during the session.

The assembly opens officially at 7 p. m. Friday, December 24 and continues all day Saturday, December 25. It will close at 6 p. m. Sunday, December 26.

Eugene Rosam, local congregation servant and chairman of arrangements for the assembly, said this morning that the local congregation is expecting the biggest attendance on December 25 and 26.

On December 25, the Witnesses will be “in the field” and hope to call at every residence in the city either during the morning, beginning at 9:30, or in the afternoon beginning at 2:30.

Afternoon Plans

The afternoon field work will follow mass immersion at the Marine Motel pool on Simonton and United streets at 2:00 p. m.

On Saturday night the movie “The New World Society in Action” will be shown on a special out-door screen to be erected at Wickers Stadium.

This movie was shown to a capacity crowd at the Yankee Stadium during a recent national assembly.

Note:

Hugh Wallace Kelley and his wife Betty Lou Kelley went to this convention and were later baptized there.

Newspaper: The Miami News
Miami, Florida
December 22, 1954

‘Witnesses’ Plan Meeting

Several hundred delegates from the eight congregations of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Greater Miami will leave for Key West Friday for a three-day semi-annual Christian assembly at Key West’s ball park.

Some 2,500 from south eastern Florida are expected to attend the assembly.

A. A. Catanzaro, district supervisor of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, will be principal speaker at the assembly. He is to talk on “Does God Really Care?” at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Note:

Hugh Wallace Kelley and his wife Betty Lou Kelley went to this convention and were later baptized there.

Newspaper: Fort Pierce News-Tribune
Fort Pierce, Florida
December 24, 1954

Local Group to Attend Meeting

The three-day semi-annual circuit convention of Jehovah's Witnesses, southeast circuit of Florida, will be held the weekend of Dec. 24th, 25th and 26th in Key West.

The convention will draw upward of 20 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses for instruction in the Bible educational work carried on by them not only at this time of the season but throughout the year.

Fifteen hundred are expected to attend. A good-sized delegation from the local Fort Pierce congregation will attend. The highlight of the convention will come at 3 p.m. Sunday when the public talk, "Does God Really Care?" will be given.

Notes:

Hugh Wallace Kelley and his wife Betty Lou Kelley were baptized at this convention. They were baptized the day after this newspaper was published.

Newspaper: The Key West Citizen
Key West, Florida
December 24, 1954

Convention Of Jehovah's Witnesses Begins Today

The Southeast circuit assembly will get under way at 5 this afternoon when the local police will provide an escort for a motorcade to advertise the main lecture "Does God Really Care?" at 3 p. m. Sunday at Wickers Stadium.

The lecturer will be A. Catanzaro of Brooklyn N. Y. Catanzaro is southeastern servant and coordinator for the religious Sect.

Program Announced

The official program for the entire assembly is as follows:

Friday, December 24, 7 p.m., songs led by F. Davis; 7:00, Welcome by W. G. Shawver, West Palm Beach, circuit coordinator; 7:15 – 7:45, Theocratic ministry school conducted by Shawver, including student talks by W. Lytton, and N. Ward and discourse by P. L. Talarico.

The circuit analysis will be presented by Catanzaro at 7:45 followed by songs.

A training session for ministerial work will begin at 8:05 with Catanzaro speaking on the Importance of the Training Program. Other phases of the program will be discussed by Shawver, P. Ruggles and E. A. Hauschildt.

The Friday night session will end at 9:30 with announcements and songs.

On December 25 at 9:00 a. m., G. Feaster will speak on Skilled Preachers of the Word and at 9:30 the over 1,500 Witnesses here for the meeting will begin house-to-house calls.

The Assembly reconvenes at 1:30 p. m. to hear a discourse on baptism by Catanzaro, after which mass immersions will be held at the Marine Motel swimming pool on Simonton and South Streets.

At 2:05 A. Payette will speak on Sharing in the Shepherding Work and at 2:20 the Witnesses will again make house-to-house calls.

At 6:45, Shawver will direct songs and experiences followed by the film "The New World in Action." The film will be shown on a special outdoor screen erected for the assembly.

Concluding announcements and songs are scheduled for 9:10.

On Sunday at 9 a. m., G. M. Morrison will speak on Happy Giving and at 9:30 the Witnesses will again make house-to-house calls.

A. A. Karris is chairman at a public meeting at 3:30 p.m. when Catanzaro will deliver his feature address.

After announcements and intermission set for 4 p. m. J. Brunn will give the summary of "The Watchtower" at 4:30.

At 5:00, Shawver speaks on Become a Skilled Preacher of the Word, followed by Catanzaro's final talk on Continue in the Things You Learned.

The Assembly ends at 6 p. m. with concluding announcements and song.

According to J. A. Payette, Jehovah's Witness publicity director, the purpose of the assembly is to "recreate in the minds and hearts of all people of good will the need for Bible instruction and knowledge of Jehovah's purpose at this time."

Many Assemblies

"Within the past six months, Payette said. "Over 400,000 people have attended Jehovah's Witness assemblies representing persons of nearly all faiths.

"That there can be peace and harmony now in this confused world has been demonstrated time and again within the past year and a half, especially at Yankee Stadium in New York last summer when 150,000 people from 96 lands worshipped in complete peace.

"When love of God and neighbor is the motivating factor in the lives of people there can be no other result."

The activities of the Watchtower Bible and Tract society with headquarters in Brooklyn, N. Y. are international in scope with branch offices in 67 countries.

The Watchtower magazine, official organ of the society is now published in 40 languages throughout the world and has a circulation of 2 million copies each bimonthly issue.

Note:

I never knew the person who gave the baptism talk for Hugh and Betty Kelley. This is a nice find. His name is Angelo Catanzaro and he have a life story as a minister in the Watchtower article dated April 1, 1975. His sister "Constance *Catanzaro* Benanti" life story is also in the Watchtower article dated December 1, 2005. The Catanzaro family were in the truth for many years.

Watchtower article dated April 1, 1975

Minister on the Move

As told by Angelo Catanzaro

I HAVE been a minister on the move ever since 1947. In that year the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society assigned me to be a circuit overseer or traveling minister, to visit congregations of Jehovah's Christian witnesses, to build them up and encourage them. But I am just one of about two thousand traveling overseers in various parts of the world. I would like to tell you about our work.

For one thing, we travel a great deal. My assignments have taken me into forty-two states of the United States, starting first in Georgia. Since we do so much traveling, you may wonder just where we stay.

HOME AMONG MANY FRIENDS

My wife and I stay in homes of our Christian brothers, who gladly share with us whatever facilities they have. In big cities we often have stayed with people who have just three rooms. And they frequently insist that we sleep in their bed while they sleep on the couch.

Once we stayed in the home of one of our Christian sisters whose husband was Jewish and not a Witness. He was impressed by the fact that we were so happy, and yet not paid a salary like the clergy of Christendom. In this town of Portsmouth, Ohio, there was a small Jewish group, and a rabbi would come to conduct services for them. But he insisted on a guaranteed payment of \$75 for the one-hour service that he conducted. Additionally, he received the donations obtained that day at the services.

So, in view of all this, the Jewish man in whose home we stayed could hardly believe that, not only would we stay in private homes, but we also did our work without a salary. Each day he would ask me to relate experiences that we had in our house-to-house preaching work. And repeatedly he remarked that he knew that his rabbi was working for money, not for love of God and the congregation.

When it came time for me to give a public talk that week, this Jewish man asked: "Aren't you going to invite me to hear your sermon?" He attended the talk and has been regular in attending meetings of Jehovah's Christian witnesses since.

Sometimes we have been invited to stay in homes where the people were not Witnesses, although they showed interest in the Bible's message. In Ardmore, Oklahoma, we spent a week with such a family. Both husband and wife were chain smokers who read much of the night. Cigarette smoke would waft its way around our bedroom door and awaken us at night. But before we left in the morning and after we returned from our preaching activity, they would ask us many Bible questions.

Well, six months later, at an assembly, this couple were among those getting baptized. No longer did they smoke, and they were feeling much better, as praisers of Jehovah. During our stay with them this man and his wife had been deeply impressed by our reliance upon Jehovah and by our referring them to the Bible for the answers to life's problems.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

When visiting a congregation of Jehovah's witnesses, my work involves a good deal more than giving Bible talks to the congregation. Much of my time is spent in working with my Christian brothers in the house-to-house preaching work. I am able to share my experience with others, and I too learn by observing the methods that they use in reaching honest-hearted people in the community with the Bible's message. So we get mutual benefits by working with our Christian brothers.

I have shared in the preaching work with persons of all ages. Recently I went along with a ninety-three-year-old woman who is in the full-time preaching work. I also worked with a four-year-old. In the latter case, I told the householders that the youth with me was practicing to be a preacher, and 'there is something he wants to tell you.' He then handed them a handbill, inviting them to a public Bible discourse.

When we talk to the people about God's kingdom and the coming righteous New Order of things, we often hear comments such as: "Why is it that our clergy have not told us these things?" I have met many persons who admit that their ministers, priests and rabbis have failed to give them a solid hope. Often they complain that all the clergy seem to be interested in are money and personal comforts. It impresses such householders that, without cost, we are bringing them God's Word and a grand hope.

Since we travel so much, we preach to people of all kinds. Accordingly, we need to discern what is the best way of helping various people. Often we find it desirable to get householders to express themselves by our asking questions. But not all persons can readily be drawn into conversations in that way. For example, we have preached on Indian reservations out West, and though most Indians do not say much, they watch and observe. We have found that we are able to help the Indians most by befriending them and showing them that we are really interested in them. They soon learn that the Witnesses show no partiality with regard to race and nationality, but have proper respect for all.

On the other hand, there are persons who readily wish to express their viewpoints. If we were to ask them questions and not listen to their views, they would resent it. For example, I called at a home and a doctor came to the door and we discussed today's decline in morality. When I asked him whether he thought there was a solution, he expressed his views, talking for quite some time without any outstanding remarks from me. When he concluded, I found areas of agreement. Toward the end of our discussion, he said that he especially appreciated that my companion and I had allowed him an opportunity to speak. He took four Bible study aids, and arrangements were made to call back on him.

In big cities, such as New York, we find that many people are fearful and seldom open their door for strangers. Nevertheless, we endeavor to express a few thoughts from the Bible, speaking to them, if possible, right through the peephole. They see us, but we do not see them—except possibly an eyeball.

On one occasion, when I talked to a lady through the peephole, she said that she appreciated what I read to her from the Bible but that she was not going to open the door. Yet she wanted the Bible study aid that I offered her. So she instructed me to put it into the mailbox. We returned a little later and the book was gone and a contribution was found in its place.

FINANCES

People often ask me how the work of Jehovah's witnesses is financed and how I myself manage. The work of Jehovah's witnesses, like that of the early Christians, is financed by voluntary contributions. Most of Jehovah's witnesses support themselves by secular work. As a full-time circuit overseer, I receive \$7 a month (formerly \$5) from the Watchtower Society for personal expenses, if this is requested, also a modest sum once a year for clothing. But we are cared for, since our Christian brothers are very hospitable and kind. Like the apostle Paul, we are content with food, shelter and clothing.—1 Tim. 6:8.

Once in Indianapolis, Indiana, all of our clothes were stolen from our parked and locked car. But we were not left destitute. Our loving Christian brothers promptly saw to it that we were properly clothed.

At one time I appeared on a radio show in which the interrogator often tries to make people look somewhat foolish. After I remarked that I received \$5 a month, he looked at my suit and said: "I could not afford a suit like that if I got \$5 a month."

"Well," I explained, "the suit, the shoes, socks, shirt, tie—all of these were given to me by dear Christian brothers and sisters who know what work we are doing. We don't ask for this. But as the Bible says, 'the workman is worthy of his wages.'" (1 Tim. 5:18) After my explaining that we do our work out of love for others, the Jewish interviewer remarked that clergymen, including Jewish rabbis, could not get along the way we do.

Often, when answering questions, I have opportunity to explain that our purpose as Jehovah's witnesses is not to make money. We are all working to help people to know Jehovah and gain His approval.

JOY THAT MONEY CANNOT BUY

While we appreciate all that our Christian brothers have done and are doing for us, yet the most important reason why we are doing this preaching work is that Jehovah has commanded it. It is an expression of our love for him. And in compensation we receive something better than money—the grand joy and satisfaction of knowing that we are doing what God wants us to do.

Sometimes I am asked what I have especially enjoyed in the circuit and district work. Well, I think that one of the most outstanding joys is seeing Jehovah's blessing on the work we do. If we seek God's guidance and blessing, instead of our fretting because something is not done in a way that appeals to us, God will bless our efforts with growth. (1 Cor. 3:6, 7) Seeing this growth brings us deep and satisfying joy.

Of course, the warmhearted hospitality we receive from our Christian brothers is a source of great joy too. In what other work could you travel virtually anywhere in the United States and receive the warmth, kindness and

hospitality that we do? In almost any direction that we travel, in forty-two states, there is not a city where the Witnesses live that we would not be warmly welcomed to stop overnight and have a home in which to stay.

Then there is the joy of getting to know so many of our Christian brothers and sisters who have been loyal to Jehovah over the years. Many have stuck to Jehovah and his organization through thick and thin, and they are an inspiration to us. There is also the pleasure of seeing many thousands of newer ones, sheeplike persons, come into Jehovah's organization in the areas where we serve, and our having some part in helping them to grow spiritually—this in itself is a grand reward.

It is true that our life is one that does not permit us to settle down anywhere for very long, but my being a minister on the move has brought me unbounded joys that money cannot buy.

Watchtower article dated December 1, 2005

Determined to Continue Serving My Creator

Life Story

Determined to Continue Serving My Creator

AS TOLD BY CONSTANCE BENANTI

It all happened so quickly! Within a span of six days, Camille, our 22-month-old daughter, developed a high fever and died. My grief was unbearable. I wanted to die too. Why did God permit such a thing? I was confused.

MY PARENTS were immigrants from Castellammare del Golfo, a town in Sicily, Italy. They came to New York City, where I was born on December 8, 1908. Our family consisted of my father and mother and their eight children, five boys and three girls. *

In 1927 my father, Santo Catanzaro, started attending the meetings of a small group of Bible Students, as Jehovah's Witnesses were then called. Giovanni De Cecca, an Italian brother serving at the Brooklyn, New York, headquarters (called Bethel), held meetings where we lived, in nearby New Jersey. In time, Father began preaching and took up the full-time ministry, continuing in that work until his death in 1953.

When Mother was young, she wanted to be a nun, but her parents would not permit it. At first, I was influenced by Mother not to share with Father in Bible study. Soon, though, I noticed changes in him. He became calmer, milder, and there was more peace in the family. I liked that.

Meanwhile, I met Charles, a man my age who was born in Brooklyn. His family, like mine, came from Sicily. We soon became engaged, and following Father's return from the 1931 convention of Jehovah's Witnesses in Columbus, Ohio, we were married. Within a year, our daughter Camille was born. When she died, I was inconsolable. One day Charles, who was crying, said to me: "Camille was as much my daughter as she was yours. Why can't we just go ahead with our lives, comforting each other?"

We Accept Bible Truth

Charles reminded me that Father had spoken of the resurrection hope when he gave the talk at Camille's funeral. "Do you really believe in the resurrection?" I asked.

"I do!" he answered. "Why don't we find out more about what the Bible has to say?"

That night I couldn't sleep. At six in the morning, before Father left for work, I went to him and told him that Charles and I wanted to study the Bible. He was delighted and hugged me. Mother, who was still in bed, overheard us talking. She asked me what had happened. "Nothing," I said. "Charles and I have simply decided to study the Bible."

“We all need to study the Bible,” was her answer. So all of us, including my brothers and sisters—11 in total—began to study together as a family.

The Bible study gave me comfort, and slowly my mental confusion and grief gave way to hope. A year later, in 1935, Charles and I began to share Bible truths with others. In February 1937, after hearing a talk at headquarters in Brooklyn that explained the Scriptural significance of water baptism, we were baptized at a nearby hotel along with many others. I took this step not only because I hoped to see my daughter again someday but also because I desired to serve our Creator, whom I had come to know and love.

Entering the Full-Time Ministry

Speaking to others about what I had learned was exciting and rewarding, especially since many at that time responded to the Kingdom message and shared in proclaiming it. (Matthew 9:37) In 1941, Charles and I became pioneers, as Jehovah’s Witnesses call their full-time ministers. Not long afterward, we bought a trailer, and Charles left our family’s pants factory in the hands of my brother Frank. In time, we were excited to receive a letter informing us that we had been assigned as special pioneers. Initially, we served in New Jersey, and later we were sent to New York State.

In 1946, while attending a convention in Baltimore, Maryland, we were asked to report to a meeting with special representatives of Jehovah’s Witnesses. There we met Nathan H. Knorr and Milton G. Henschel. They spoke to us about the missionary work and, in particular, about the preaching work in Italy. They invited us to consider the possibility of attending the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead.

“Think about it,” we were told, “and then give us your answer.” After leaving the office, Charles and I exchanged glances, turned around, and went right back in. “We thought about it,” we said. “We’re ready for Gilead.” Ten days later, we were attending the seventh class of Gilead.

Our months of training were unforgettable. What particularly impressed us was the patience and love of the instructors, preparing us to face difficulties in the foreign field. After graduating in July 1946, we were assigned to preach for a while in New York City, where there was a sizable Italian population. Then came the great day! On June 25, 1947, we left for Italy, our missionary assignment.

Getting Settled in Our Assignment

We made the crossing in a ship that had previously been used for military purposes. After 14 days at sea, we docked at the Italian port of Genoa. The city bore the scars of World War II, which had ended only two years earlier. The train station, for example, did not have any windowpanes because of the bombings. From Genoa we proceeded by freight train to Milan, where the branch office and a missionary home were located.

The living conditions in postwar Italy were very poor. Reconstruction efforts were under way, but poverty was rampant. Soon, I developed a serious health problem. According to one doctor, my heart was in such bad condition that he thought it would be best for me to return to the United States. I am glad that he got it all wrong. After 58 years, I’m still in my assignment in Italy.

We had been in our assignment only a few years when my brothers in the United States wanted to provide us with a car. But Charles turned their offer down, a decision I appreciated. To our knowledge, no Witness in Italy had a car then, and Charles felt that it was best for us to maintain a standard of living comparable to that of our Christian brothers. Not until 1961 did we get a small car.

Our first Kingdom Hall in Milan was in a basement with an earthen floor. There was no bathroom, and the only water was under our feet when it rained. We also had the company of little mice that darted here and there. Two light bulbs provided illumination for our meetings. Despite such inconveniences, it was encouraging to see sincere ones come to our meetings and eventually join us in the ministry.

Missionary Experiences

We once left the booklet *Peace—Can It Last?* with a man. As we were leaving, his wife, Santina, arrived laden with grocery bags. She was a little irritated, saying that she had eight daughters to care for and did not have any time to spare. When I called on Santina again, her husband was not at home, and she was knitting. “I don’t have time to listen,” she said. “Besides, I don’t know how to read.”

I prayed silently to Jehovah and then asked if I could pay her to knit a sweater for my husband. Two weeks later, I had the sweater, and Santina and I began to study the Bible regularly with the aid of the book “The Truth Shall Make You Free.” Santina learned to read, and despite her husband’s opposition, she made progress and was baptized. Five of her daughters became Witnesses, and Santina has also helped many others to accept Bible truth.

In March 1951, along with two other missionaries—Ruth Cannon * and Loyce Callahan, who later married Bill Wengert—we were transferred to Brescia, where there were no Witnesses. We found a furnished apartment, but two months later, the landlord asked us to leave the house within 24 hours. Since there were no other Witnesses in the area, we had no choice but to go to a hotel, where we stayed for almost two months.

Our diet was limited: cappuccino and croissants for breakfast, fruit and bread sticks with cheese for lunch, and fruit and bread sticks with cheese for supper. Despite the inconveniences, we were really blessed. In time, we found a small apartment, and at the Memorial of Christ’s death in 1952, 35 were present in the small room that we used as a Kingdom Hall.

Coping With Challenges

During that time, the clergy still wielded great power over the people. For example, while we were preaching in Brescia, some boys were encouraged by the priest to throw rocks at us. In time, however, 16 persons started studying the Bible with us, and within a short time, they became Witnesses. And who was among them? One of the boys who had threatened to throw rocks at us! He now serves as an elder in one of the congregations in Brescia. In 1955 when we left Brescia, 40 Kingdom publishers were sharing in the preaching work.

After that, we served for three years in Leghorn (Livorno), where most of the Witnesses were women. This meant that we sisters had to take care of congregation duties that are usually assigned to brothers. We next moved to Genoa, where we started out 11 years earlier. By now, there was a congregation. The Kingdom Hall was on the first floor in the building where our apartment was located.

Upon our arrival in Genoa, I started a study with a lady whose husband was a former boxer and the manager of a boxing gym. The lady made spiritual progress and soon became our Christian sister. Her husband, however, was opposed and remained so for a long time. Then he started to accompany his wife to the meetings. Rather than enter the hall, he sat outside and listened. Later on, after we had left Genoa, we learned that he had asked for a Bible study. In time, he was baptized and became a loving Christian overseer. He remained faithful till his death.

I also studied the Bible with a woman who was engaged to a policeman. Initially, he showed some interest, but after the wedding, his attitude changed. He opposed her, and she stopped studying. When she later resumed the Bible study, her husband threatened her, saying that if he ever found us studying, he would shoot us both. Well, she made spiritual progress and became a baptized Witness. Needless to say, he never shot us. In fact, years later when I was attending an assembly in Genoa, someone came up to me from behind, covered my eyes with his hands, and asked if I could guess who he was. I could not hold back the tears when I saw the husband of that woman. After giving me a hug, he told me that he had symbolized his dedication to Jehovah by getting baptized that very day!

From 1964 to 1972, I had the privilege of accompanying Charles when he visited congregations to strengthen them spiritually. We served in almost all of northern Italy—in Piedmont, Lombardy, and Liguria. Then we resumed pioneer service near Florence and later in Vercelli. In 1977, there was only one congregation in Vercelli, but when we left in 1999, there were three. That year, I turned 91, and we were encouraged to move to the missionary home in Rome, a beautiful little building in a comparatively peaceful area.

Another Sad Occasion

In March 2002, Charles, who had always enjoyed good health, suffered a collapse. His health deteriorated until he died on May 11, 2002. For 71 years, we cried together during sad times and rejoiced together when blessings came our way. His death was an immense and grievous loss for me.

I often picture Charles in my mind, with his double-breasted suit and his 1930's hat. I imagine his smile, or I seem to hear his familiar laugh. With Jehovah's help and thanks to the love of many dear Christian brothers and sisters, I have been able to endure over this sad period. I eagerly await the time when I will see Charles again.

Continuing My Service

Serving my Creator has been the most wonderful thing in my life. Over the years, 'I have tasted and seen that Jehovah is good.' (Psalm 34:8) I have felt his love and experienced his care. Even though I lost my baby, Jehovah has given me many spiritual sons and daughters—scattered throughout Italy—who have brought joy to my heart and to his.

Speaking to others about my Creator is what I have always loved to do the most. That is why I continue to preach and conduct Bible studies. Sometimes I regret that I cannot do more because of my health. But I realize that Jehovah knows my limitations and that he loves me and appreciates what I am able to do. (Mark 12:42) I strive to make mine the words of Psalm 146:2: "I will praise Jehovah during my lifetime. I will make melody to my God as long as I am." *

[Footnotes]

^ par. 5 The experience of my brother Angelo Catanzaro was published in the April 1, 1975, issue of The Watchtower, pages 205-7.

^ par. 28 For her life story, see The Watchtower, May 1, 1971, pages 277-80.

^ par. 41 Sister Benanti passed away on July 16, 2005, as this article was being prepared. She was 96.

Newspaper: The Key West Citizen
Key West, Florida
December 24, 1954

Witnesses Are Here For Meet Through Sun.

This evening marks the beginning of the 3-day semi-annual Circuit Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses at Wickers Stadium.

Many people around the southern part of Florida, namely Lake Worth, Fort Pierce, Delray Beach, and other sections will be here – approximately 1,700 are expected.

An important talk will be given Saturday at 1:30 p. m., on the subject of Baptism. Following the talk, the baptizing of those wishing to symbolize their dedication for the ministry will take place at the Atlantic Shores Motel Swimming Pool.

The Saturday evening services will feature a much publicized film called the "New World Society in Action."

The public is urged to see this most interesting film. The movie includes scenes from the 1953 International Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses which drew 165,000 people to New York City from countries throughout the world and the administrative preaching and training work of Jehovah's Witnesses in more than 150 countries.

This will be shown Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m.

"Does God Really Care" is the enlightening talk of this assembly and it will be delivered by A. Catanzaro, a representative of the district assembly from Brooklyn, Sunday, at 3:00 p. m.

All sessions are free and the public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the meeting with Jehovah's Witnesses.

Notes:

Hugh Wallace Kelley and his wife Betty Lou Kelley were baptized at this convention. They were baptized the day after this newspaper was published.

Newspaper: The Key West Citizen
Key West, Florida
December 27, 1954

Convention Finale Draws 1,500 Sunday

A crowd of 1,500 people filled Wickers Stadium Sunday afternoon to hear the main lecture of the southeast Florida Circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses which was held December 24, 25 and 26.

A large group of Witnesses attended the mass immersions held Saturday afternoon at the Marine Motel Pool when approximately 30 persons were immersed.

Overflow Crowd

At the Sunday afternoon lecture the witnesses and friends overflowed Wickers Stadium and over a hundred heard the lecture in the cafeteria of Poinciana School via a special wire from the stadium to the school.

The lecturer, A. A. Catanzaro, of Brooklyn, New York, speaking on "Does God Really Care?" pointed out the "The situation and general picture in the world today with all its crime, war, violence and juvenile delinquency, coupled with a general disrespect for law and order is the reason why many say that God doesn't care and have given up hope."

Catanzaro told the assembly that "Proof the God cares is shown by his word, the Bible. He hears the call for freedom and liberation from His people and He will deliver them."

World's Hope

The speaker concluded his address saying "It is high time we set aside all preconceived notions based on traditions of men and stop reading the Bible with denominational eyeglasses. By so doing we can be in that kingdom we pray for in saying 'thy Kingdom come, they will be done on earth' for the hope of the Kingdom is the whole world's hope and its only one."

A. Payette spoke Saturday following the immersion and stressed the need of Christians to engage in pastoral and shepherding work in searching for sick and lost sheep.

Of great interest to the Witnesses was the film "The New World Society in Action," which was shown at Wickers Stadium.

The movie is being shown worldwide by the religious sect.

Picture Captioned:

MASS IMMERSIONS – Thirty persons were immersed Saturday afternoon during the southeast Florida circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses held here December 24, 25 and 26. The immersion were held at a local motel swimming pool. The above picture shows a section of the large crowd gathered to witness the rites. – Citizen Staff Photo, Don Pinder.

Notes:

Hugh Wallace Kelley and his wife Betty Lou Kelley were baptized at this convention. Supposedly they are in the picture for this newspaper. My grandparents were baptized on the Saturday 25th, and this paper was printed few days after.

To touch with how the stadium was known as Wickers Stadium. This was to name after a World War 2 officer Sgt. Harry Wickers who died in that war. Look-up the Key West Citizen newspaper dating May 28, 1947.

**Newspaper: The State
Columbia, South Carolina
December 22, 1955**

Mrs. Johnston, Of Luray Dies

Luray, Dec. 21. – Mrs. Corine Kelley Johnston, 86, widow of Coy Johnston, died Tuesday in the Hampton County Hospital.

She was born in Washington County, Georgia, the daughter of the late George W. and Sara Jane Hooks Kelley.

Surviving are three sons, Hooks K. Johnston of Manchester, Conn., Coy K. Johnston of Miami, Fla., and Nathan J. Johnston of Estill; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at the graveside in Lawtonville Cemetery at 11 o'clock Thursday morning by the Rev. T. L. Gable.

Friends may call at the home of her son, Nathan J. Johnston in Estill until the hour of service.

**Court Record: Deed
Dade County, Florida
October 24, 1957**

This Indenture

Made this 24th day of October A.D 1957

Between **HAL L. KELLEY, joined by his wife, MYRTLE M. KELLEY**, of the County of Dade in the State of Florida, part-ies of the first part, and **HUGH W. KELLEY AND BETTY KELLEY, his wife, c/o Hialeah-Miami Springs Bank, P. O. Box 128, Hialeah, Florida**, of the County of Dade in the State of Florida, part-ies of the second part,

Witnesseth, that the said part-ies of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of **Ten Dollars and other valuable considerations** Dollars, to **them** in hand paid by the said part-ies of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, **have** granted, bargained and sold to the said part-ies of the second part, **their** heirs and assigners forever, the following described land, situate, lying and being in the County of **Dade**, State of Florida to wit:

South Half of Tract 66 (less roads) of Section 14, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, according to a plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 8 at Page 16 of the Public Record of Dade County, Florida.

THIS IS A CORRECTIVE DEED given to correct spelling of the grantees' surname in that certain deed recorded in Deed Book 3890 at Page 160 of Public Records of Dade County, Florida, conveying the above property.

(Stamped:)

State of Florida, County of Date.

This Instrument was titled for record the 28 day of Oct. 1957 at 3:18 P. M. and duly recorded in OFFICIAL RECORDS Book 505 on Page 144 File No. GG 167039

OFFICIAL LEGAL FORMS
HIALEAH, FLORIDA

Warranty Deed

This Indenture, Made this 4th day of March, A. D. 1967

Between WILLIAM A. COX JR. and CATHERINE W. COX, his wife, of the County of Dade, in the State of Florida, part-ies of the first part, and **HUGH W. KELLEY and BETTY KELLEY, his wife, 1282 Dove Avenue, Miami Springs, Fla.** of the County of Dade, in the State of Florida, part-ies of the second part.

Witnesseth, That the said part-ies of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of **TEN DOLLARS AND OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION**, to them in hand paid by the part-ies of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold to the said part-ies of the second part, their heirs and assigns, forever, the following described land, situate, lying and being in the County of Dade, State of Florida, to wit:

Lot 2, Block 1, TIT-HALL SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 64 at Page 115 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida.

This deed is executed subject to:

- 1) Conditions, restrictions and limitations of record;
- 2) Taxes for the year 1967 and subsequent years; and
- 3) That certain mortgage of record.

And the said part-ies of the first part do hereby fully warrant title to said land, and will defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

In Witness Whereof, the said part-ies of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us:

(unreadable signature)
(unreadable signature)

William A. Cox, Jr.
Catherine W. Cox

State of Florida, Nashville, TENNESSEE, }
County of Davidson. }

(Stamped:)

This instrument was filed for record the 12 day of Mar. 1967 at 3:56 P. M. and duly recorded in OFFICIAL RECORDS Book 5415 on Page 449

File No. 67R 40395

E. B. LEATHERMAN
Clerk Circuit Court

By (unreadable signature) D. C. – (end)

I hereby Certify that on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, **WILLIAM A. COX, JR. and CATHERINE W. COX, his wife**, to me well known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing deed, and acknowledged before me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the purpose therein expressed.

Witness my hand and official seal at [Nashville](#), County of [Davidson](#) and State of [Tennessee](#), this [4th](#) day of [March](#), A. D. 1967.

[Milford C. Smith](#)

Notary Public, State of ~~Florida~~ [Tennessee, Davidson County](#)

My commission expires: [3/18/1970](#)

Letter: Alice Dukes to Hugh Lawrence Kelley
February 10, 1969

108 Butler St.
Waycross, Georgia

Feb. 10, 1969

Dear Uncle Hugh,

I was so shocked when I heard the sad news from Hal and Deanie.

Uncle Hugh, I wish there were words to express our sympathy at such times as you and your children are experiencing today and the days to come. Each of you have lost so much in your own lives. May God Bless and Comfort you on this time of sorrow.

Love Alice

Note:

This person was Alice *Woodard* Dukes, she was married to William F. Dukes. She was the niece to Hugh Lawrence Kelley. The letter was a response with Alice Dukes hearing that Hugh Lawrence Kelley's wife (Tessa) passed-away.

Newspaper: The Miami News
Miami, Florida
February 11, 1969

KELLEY

MRS. TESSA R., 71, of 4019 NW 37 Ct., passed away Feb. 9, 1969. Came to Miami in 1915 from Ocala, Fla., where she was born. Member of the Miami Springs Hialeah Kingdom Hall. Survived by husband Hugh L.; sons H. Wallace, Wayne Laurence, Hal Leon, Wilfred R., Vernon M.; daughter Mrs. Joyce O'Brien; sister Mrs. Hilda Jordon; 18 grandchildren. Service 3 P.M. Wed. BESS MEMORIAL 36 ST. CHAPEL. Burial Dade Memorial.

Court Record: Warranty Deed
Dade County, Florida
December 31, 1969

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Warranty Deed

This Indenture, Made this [31](#) day of [December](#), A. D. 19 [69](#)

Between [HUGH L. KELLEY](#), a single man of the County of [Dade](#), in the State of [Florida](#), part-y of the first part, and [JOYCE O'BRIEN, L. W. \(WAYNE\) KELLEY, HAL L. KELLEY, H. WALLACE KELLEY, WILFRED R. KELLEY, VERNON M. KELLEY](#), chare and share alike, of the County of [Dade](#), in the State of [Florida](#), whose post office address is c/o [ROBERT J. STAMPEL, 39 E. 6th Street, Hialeah, Florida](#), part-ies of the second part.

Article: The Kingdom Ministry
May 1971

Branch Letter

Dear Publishers:

All of you hard workers in the field throughout the United States keep those of us at Bethel very excited. Our excitement is one of joy and we wonder what to expect next. You have produced five new publisher peaks so far this service year, with March hitting 409,413! Our mail is flooded with requests for a share in the vacation pioneer work. We have sent out over 35,000 appointments for April. And the initial printing of April's special Watchtower and Awake! magazines is over ten million copies in English alone. It certainly should prove to be a marvelous month for witnessing. Of course, we are always anxious to see what that report will be.

There are a few other interesting figures that we saw when checking over things in the office. So far this service year 110 more congregations have been inaugurated in the United States. There are now 69 congregations in Chicago, 96 in Los Angeles, 30 in Miami, and here in New York city we have 209. Everywhere you turn, things are growing fast. Right now we have at least 5,605 congregations in the United States. It is no wonder that we are working day and night at the factory keeping all of you supplied with literature.

Now in just a little while the "Divine Name" Assembly will begin, and this will be a five-day assembly. The Society must have something very important for us, because they have arranged for us to gather together for five days. Be sure to bring all of your family and those with whom you are studying. By all means try to make arrangements for them to get to the convention.

At Watchtower Farm things are moving ahead well. They have just about finished the new printing plant. The people from whom we are buying printing presses failed to send us the presses on time because of strikes and a lack of raw materials. However, we are using the plant right now for a carpenter, electric and plumbing shop and sleeping quarters for those working on the new Bethel home that we have started to construct. So the building is in full use while we are waiting for our presses.

If you are passing by Watchtower Farm, which is near Pine Bush, New York, you will see a lot of activity. You may find it convenient to drive by when going to the Yankee Stadium assembly or homeward.

So, as we said, there is a lot of excitement. It keeps us very happy here. The Bethel Family is delighted with their privileges of service, and we are glad to be doing so much to help our brothers in the United States and throughout the world. Like you, we are looking forward to the assemblies this summer, and some of us will see some of you at the "Divine Name" Assemblies.

May Jehovah's rich blessing go with you as all of us press on with the work of preaching during these delightful days, using all means to keep "healthy in faith."

Your brothers,

BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

P.S.: Just received New York city's Memorial report for 209 congregations. 50,361 attended. Isn't that something—a 13.5 percent increase! 258 partook.

Article: Awake
June 8, 1971

You Are Invited—To Attend the "Divine Name" District Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses

Do not miss this grand faith-strengthening five-day program.

Here is just a sample of its delightful features:

- ✓ Practical information from the Holy Bible on how to cope with the problems of life.
- ✓ Two fascinating Bible dramas.
- ✓ Material to help you to get a clear understanding of the drug problem and how to view it.
- ✓ Excellent information on the training of children. Parents who wish help in opening the lines of communication between themselves and their children will be benefited immensely.
- ✓ A marvelous program on use of the Bible itself, how to read and understand it and apply it in your life.

Do not miss one session of the five-day “Divine Name” District Assembly. Mark the dates on your calendar and plan now to be present. The dates and locations are listed below:

UNITED STATES

JUNE 30–JULY 4: **Cincinnati, Ohio**, River Front Stadium, 201 E. 2nd St. **Jersey City, N.J.**, Roosevelt Stadium, Danforth Ave. & Rte. 440. **New York, N.Y.**, Yankee Stadium, 157th St. & River Ave.

JULY 7-11: **Flint, Mich.**, I.M.A. Auditorium, 901 E. 2nd Ave. **Greensboro, N.C.**, Greensboro Coliseum, 1921 W. Lee St. **Jackson, Mich.**, Fairgrounds Grandstand, 200 W. Ganson St. **Jersey City, N.J.** (Spanish and French), Roosevelt Stadium, Danforth Ave. & Rte. 440. **Lansing, Mich.**, Civic Center, 505 W. Allegan St. **Lincoln, Neb.**, Pershing Auditorium, 15th & M Sts. Port Huron, Mich., McMorran Memorial Auditorium, 701 McMorran Blvd. Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Sioux Falls Arena, 1201 N. West Ave.

JULY 14-18: Albuquerque, N. Mex., Tingley Coliseum, New Mexico State Fairgrounds, 6715 Central Ave. NE. Anchorage, Alaska, Anchorage West High School, Romig Auditorium, 1700 Hillcrest Dr. Fort Worth, Tex. (Spanish also), Will Rogers Memorial Center, 1 Amon Carter Sq. Los Angeles, Calif., Dodger Stadium, 1000 Elysian Park Ave. Memphis, Tenn., Mid-South Coliseum, Mid-South Fairgrounds. Milwaukee, Wis., County stadium, 201 N. 46th St. Philadelphia, Pa., Veterans Stadium, S. Broad & Pattison Ave. Portland, Ore., Portland Civic Stadium, SW. 18th & Morrison. Pueblo, Colo., Fairgrounds Grandstand, Colorado State Fairgrounds, Beulah & Summit Aves. San Antonio, Tex., San Antonio Convention Center, S. Alamo & Market Sts. San Francisco, Calif., Kezar Stadium, Golden Gate Park, Frederick & Stanyan Sts.

JULY 21-25: Chicago, Ill. (Spanish only), Jehovah’s Witnesses Assembly Hall, 7859 S. Ashland Ave. Corpus Christi, Tex. (Spanish only), Memorial Coliseum, 402 W. Shoreline. Pomona, Calif. (Spanish only), Fairgrounds Grandstand, Los Angeles County Fairgrounds, Cor. White & McKinley. Shreveport, La., Hirsch Memorial Coliseum, State Fairgrounds. Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, Baldwin High School Auditorium.

JULY 28-AUGUST 1: Atlanta, Ga. (Spanish also), Atlanta Stadium, 521 Capitol Ave. SW. Buffalo, N.Y., War Memorial Stadium, Cor. Best St. & Jefferson Ave. Greenville, S.C., Greenville Memorial Auditorium, 300 E. North St. Spokane, Wash., Spokane Coliseum, 1101 N. Howard St. Tulsa, Okla., Tulsa Assembly Center, 100 Civic Center.

AUGUST 4-8: Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii, Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall.

AUGUST 18-22: Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, Kalani High School Auditorium, 4860 Kalanianaʻole Hwy.

BRITISH ISLES

JULY 7-11: Sunderland, Roker Park.

JULY 21-25: Dublin, Irish Republic, Top Hat Ballroom, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin. Manchester, Manchester City Football Ground, Maine Rd.

AUGUST 4-8: London, Rugby Union Ground, Twickenham.

CANADA

JULY 7-11: Vancouver, B.C., Pacific Coliseum, Exhibition Park.

JULY 14-18: Halifax, N.S., Halifax Forum, 2901 Windsor St. Montreal, Que. (French also), Blue Bonnets Raceway, 7440 boul. Decarie. Winnipeg, Man., Winnipeg Arena, 1430 Maroons Rd.

JULY 21-25: Victoria, B.C., Memorial Arena, 1925 Blanshard St.

JULY 28-AUGUST 1: London, Ont., Grandstand, Western Fairgrounds, Queen's Park. Saskatoon, Sask., Exhibition Grandstand, Exhibition Grounds. Toronto, Ont. (Italian only), George Bell Arena, 215 Ryding Ave.

AUGUST 4-8: Sudbury, Ont., Sudbury Arena, 230 Elgin St. S.

AUGUST 11-15: Calgary, Alta., Stampede Corral, Exhibition Grounds, 17th Ave. & 2nd St. S.E.

AUGUST 18-22: St. John's, Nfld., Feildian Gardens, Pennywell Rd.

Newspaper: Augusta Chronicle
Augusta, Georgia
July 16, 1971

Chronicle of Churches

Revivals Planned

Convention announced

The Jehovah's Witnesses Watchtower Bible and Tract Society has announced a five-day convention titled Divine Name to be held July 28 in the Atlanta, Ga., Stadium. Officials of the society said it would be the largest convention in the Southeast this year.

Newspaper: The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia
July 17, 1971

CONVENTION HERE

Witnesses Will Help Selves

By BILL BUCHANAN

Constitution Religious Editor

Unlike most organizational gatherings, the five-day Jehovah's Witnesses convention scheduled to begin July 28 at Atlanta Stadium won't be a catered affair, according to Lester Roper, and traveling circuit minister from Mobile, Ala.

Roper explained that all work to accommodate the 25,000 Jehovah's Witnesses expected to attend the Divine Name District Assembly of the Southeastern states is being done on a volunteer basis.

The minister is in charge of enlisting, organizing and assigning the approximately 8,000 volunteers who will be needed to keep things running smoothly during the convention.

He has been in Atlanta since June 14 working out the logistics of the volunteer program.

The volunteers, Roper continued, are being organized into 20 departments, including ushers and parking-lot attendants, cleaning crews and food-service workers.

The minister explained that he and his staff work on the same principle as personnel agencies.

“We try to match the man with the job,” he said.

For example, he said, electricians are being assigned to work out lighting arrangements at the convention’s temporary cafeteria, a huge tent that will be erected on the stadium parking lot.

But one of the most difficult parts of the job – finding living quarters for the conventioners – is almost complete said the minister.

The more than 2,000 volunteers who have been canvassing the city since late June in an attempt to line up inexpensive rooming facilities, have almost completed the task, he said.

If all the work involved in organizing the five-day conclave had to be purchased, it would make such a convention prohibitive, Roper explained.

But fortunately for Jehovah’s Witnesses, there are always plenty among the ranks willing to volunteer, he continued.

“We have very little difficulty getting people to sign up,” he added, “because volunteer service is an eternal service. It is based on love.”

Staff Photo – Billy Downs
DIRECTS VOLUNTEERS
Minister Lester Roper

Newspaper: Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida
July 24, 1971

Religion And Churches

Everyday Religion

Witnesses To Convene In Atlanta

More than 30,000 Jehovah’s Witnesses, including a delegation from Daytona Beach, will attend a five day convention opening Wednesday in Atlanta Stadium.

Officials of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society said it would be the biggest convention in the Southeast this year. Called the “Divine Name” District Assembly of Jehovah’s Witnesses, it will feature “practical information from the Bible on how to cope with the problems of life,” according to the Watchtower Society announcement.

Two years ago, Jehovah’s Witnesses had one of a series of international assemblies in Atlanta Stadium and more than 56,000 attended. While the coming district assembly will be smaller in scope, it is expected to attract one of the largest convention crowds of the year to the Georgia capital city, officials said.

The convention is one of 34 with identical programs in the U.S. this Summer.

Local representatives of Jehovah's Witnesses said subjects to be discussed will include the drug problem, and how parents can help close the generation gap. Stage dramas reenacting Bible events and applying them to modern life are scheduled.

Jehovah's Witnesses are a worldwide brotherhood of Christians noted particularly for their house-to-house evangelizing.

Newspaper: Marietta Journal
Marietta, Georgia
July 26, 1971

Witnesses Arrive For 5-Day Meet

ATLANTA (UPI) – An early vanguard of Jehovah's Witnesses from four Southern states began arriving during the weekend for a five-day district meeting beginning Wednesday.

The assembly is expected to draw at least 25,000 witnesses from Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Tennessee. The sessions will be held in Atlanta Stadium where 57,000 witnesses turned out for an international assembly two years ago.

The hundreds of early arrivals had the chores of putting up three huge tents on the stadium parking lot, one housing a kitchen, and to prepare facilities inside the stadium.

"People will barely have time to eat between a busy morning spent in house-to-house preaching, a full afternoon of sessions at the stadium and an evening attendance at live stage dramas right up to bedtime," said witness W. E. Walker.

The program includes a mass baptism, 43 hours of Bible sessions and re-enactment of biblical stories.

The assembly here is one of 34 district meetings over the United States this year.

Newspaper: The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia
August 1, 1971

"Cut Ties with World," Witnesses Warned

By BILLIE CHENEY SPEED

Atlanta Journal Religion Editor

"Nationalism ... has historically been one of the chief instruments used against God's servants," Jehovah's Witnesses have been told here.

J. G. Woods, in an address Saturday to the Divine Name Assembly at Atlanta Stadium, said "Nebuchadnezzar used it against the three Hebrews. The Jews used it against Jesus Christ."

Today, in many countries where governmental upheavals are going on, Jehovah's Witnesses bear the brunt of savage oppression because of their stand as Christians neutrals, he contended.

Woods, a congregation overseer in Forest Park, defined the position of Jehovah's Witnesses in more than 206 lands as, "law-abiding. We avoid any subversive acts or movements."

However, they are neutrals as to all local, national and international political issues.

STRESSING the witnesses are no part of this world, Woods reminded that “We know God’s kingdom is the only true remedy and hope for mankind.”

Circuit supervisor in Miami W. E. Torso, warned the Witnesses that Jehovah has no friendship with this world and is about to destroy it. He added that “unless, in His name,” Jehovah’s Witnesses cut all ties with the world these ties may drag them down too.

E. Russell of Watchtower headquarters in Brooklyn, said dancing was used in Biblical times to express joy and music is a marvelous gift from Jehovah, “But people have abused these things.”

Discussing the Christians view of dancing, he said, one should ask himself with whom he is dancing, with whom he is associating and what is the origin of the dance and what movements are involved.

“Does it sidetrack your mind from chaste thoughts and so divert you from clean worship,” he asked. “Do you dance for sex, exercise or pleasure?”

CERTAIN MUSIC, such as rock and roll, reflects the spirit of rebellion, sex perversion, violence, Russell believes. “Don’t let choice of music make you a lover of the world and draw you away from God,” he warned.

Besides a scheduled time for house-to-house preaching, and conducting of home Bible studies, the Witnesses will seize every other opportunity in a spirit of urgency to declare God’s established kingdom as the only hope for mankind.

Jehovah’s Witnesses spend hundreds of hours a month witnessing and get no pay for it.

Patrick said while Jehovah’s Witnesses are impelled to preach by a spirit of great urgency, “we must use balance, good sense, not taking up the time of paid employees or interfering with one’s work livelihood or business.”

Notes:

My father, Lonnie Phillip Kelley was baptized at this convention on Friday, July 30th, 1971. Apparently, his parents were unable to attend to this convention they were assigned to due to his father was unable to take time off from his job. His mother spoke that she regretted not being there to see Lonnie getting baptized. Wallace and Betty went to the “Divine Name” District Convention in the Bahamas.

Wallace and Betty may have gone to the District Convention in Nassau, Bahamas in the Eastern Secondary School Auditorium. That was held on August 26 – 29, 1971. I still need to verify if this is correct.

**Article: Watchtower
October 1, 1971**

Assemblies That Truly Exalt the Divine Name

“AT THE [Riverfront] stadium, they will set up a little city, ruled by Jehovah,” was the way a feature writer for the Enquirer described the “Divine Name” District Assembly then in preparation in Cincinnati.

This forecast also proved to be true of all the thirty-four assemblies held in the United States and the eleven in Canada from late June through August.

Indeed, from advance preparation right through the five-day program, it was evident that the assembled witnesses of Jehovah enjoyed the smile of their God and Creator, whom they recognize as controlling their activities. The dominant spirit of the assembly was exalting the Divine Name, as well as the making of a good name with God. Outstanding stress was placed on spirituality, the need of obtaining it, how to guard it, and the building up of others spiritually.

This attitude so permeated the gatherings that a writer in the Atlanta Constitution was moved to say: “They come seeking spiritual sustenance and refreshment, help with their problems or help with helping somebody they love—and they love everybody.”

PREPARATION

It is no small undertaking to arrange and prepare for such assemblies, at which an aggregate attendance of hundreds of thousands of persons is expected. Well over a year beforehand, sometimes years ahead, work is begun to provide the new Bible literature that will be released. Also, convention sites are selected and contracted for. Months ahead, the printing plant of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society begins its typesetting and printing. Bound books keep the plant’s bookbinding department busy right down to convention time. The assembly’s printed releases, on top of the normal demand for the Society’s Bibles, Bible books and magazines, put an extra strain on facilities and usually call for working extra time.

In addition, the program must be prepared, with a view to the needs of Christians in today’s world situation. Some of the primary talks are printed in manuscript form; others are outlined, so that the same spiritual food is received regardless of which assembly a person attends. Bible dramas are recorded and sent to the assembly sites in time for performers to learn the script and pantomime the words coming over the public-address system. Other dramas are thoroughly prepared, rehearsed and presented “live.”

Besides all this, there are thousands of man-hours spent organizing each local assembly, so that there are a cafeteria, refreshment stands, attendants to handle the crowds, a large cleaning crew, public-address equipment, parking arrangements and attendants, rooming accommodations, volunteer service assignment organization and a host of other things all set up by the opening day.

CITIES WELCOME THE ASSEMBLIES

In times past, opposition from religions of Christendom created much trouble for Jehovah’s witnesses in obtaining assembly sites. Also, because of clergy influence on local citizens, rooming accommodations were sometimes difficult to get. Even city officials and businessmen were affected by the misrepresentation of the Witnesses’ motives and reliability. But today this is rarely the case.

A reporter for the Montreal Star, observing so many gathered together (22,692 attended in a race grounds), remarked: “The Bible has drawn more here than the races. Jehovah’s Witnesses just never give up. The people who were fighting you are not around anymore, but Jehovah’s Witnesses are still here.”

Typical of the attitude of officials, auditorium managers and businessmen are the following examples.

On the second day of the Memphis assembly the Commercial Appeal editorialized:

“FIFTEEN THOUSAND strong, the Jehovah’s Witnesses have entered Memphis for a five-day meeting and Memphis is glad to welcome them.

“The Witnesses are a diligent group. They have been to Memphis in the past, and their conduct has always been exemplary. The sect is an evangelical one whose members work as volunteers. Their convention is trying to keep costs down for their hard-pressed workers, and the impromptu cafeteria they have put together is an example of their careful planning.

“Such industriousness on their part makes them welcome guests. We hope they find the city hospitable.”

And the Memphis Press-Scimitar noted that the crowd, being a “family affair,” was too big for the city’s largest convention hall, then remarked: “By the time the Witnesses schedule their next assembly in Memphis the city’s new Everett Cook Convention Center on North Main will be ready for them. The Witnesses are always a welcome group. They maintain high standards of conduct and civility and they take care of their own problems.”

Such was the reception in virtually all the assembly cities. Only in a few remote cases was there a question when auditorium managers or officials were approached. But when they were directed to call other managers and officials with whom the Witnesses had previously dealt, their doubts were allayed. The director of Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia remarked to news reporters that he had talked to some other stadium officials before renting the stadium. He added: "They are a prime catch to get in. They attract a lot of people but do a tremendous job cleaning up and taking care of their own needs."

Similar cooperation by police, city authorities and businessmen was a feature of every assembly in the United States and Canada. So marked was the success of the rooming accommodations activity that it prompted comment in the Albuquerque, New Mexico, News: "[It] almost makes one feel Somebody Important is taking a personal interest in matters."

PURPOSE OF THE ASSEMBLIES

The assemblies might be described as having a twofold purpose: (1) to exalt the Divine Name Jehovah in the minds and hearts of Jehovah's witnesses and of all others whom they can reach (Matt. 6:9); and (2) to provide education for themselves, their children and others in obedience to the divine principles for which that Name stands.

The assembly's keynote talk, delivered on the opening day, was entitled "Whose Name Do You Respect More—Your Own or God's?" It was shown clearly that the clergy of Christendom put themselves ahead of God, preferring their own ideas instead of God's Word. In contrast, a major feature of this assembly was the emphasis on use of the Bible. Daily Bible reading was encouraged for each family. And, for real depth of understanding and proper application, the need of considering the background and events surrounding the Bible books, also the context of the portion being read, was demonstrated.

The need of giving heed to the sovereignty of God and the vindication of the Divine Name was highlighted in the public talk "When All Nations Collide, Head On, with God." This climactic talk on the assembly's final day was the occasion of the peak attendance, which soared up to 678,359, in the United States and Canada.

The assemblies actually constitute major steps in preparation for life in a new order where justice, orderliness, peace, real love and concern for one another will prevail. Jehovah's witnesses are trying to live that way now.

The Witnesses really believe the "Lord's Prayer," which requests of God: "Let your kingdom come. Let your will take place, as in heaven, also upon earth." (Matt. 6:10) They follow Jesus' counsel: "Keep on, then, seeking first the kingdom and [God's] righteousness." And it has truly made them happy.—Matt. 6:33.

Some persons like Jehovah's witnesses but do not want to listen to what they believe from God's Word. But were it not for God's Word and the application of its principles in their lives their conduct would not be exemplary and they would not be able to hold such fine assemblies. Some people recognize this. One woman in Portland, Oregon, said to two of Jehovah's witnesses who spoke to her about providing rooming accommodations in her home for visiting delegates: "You are so warm, kind and good. It must be your religion that makes you that way."

A columnist in the Buffalo Evening News wrote: "Witnesses just regard consideration of other people's property as Christian conduct." She reported an experience of a householder in Tonawanda, New York, who at first had hesitated to list rooms for delegates, but afterward said: "If all people were like them, I'd like to rent my rooms out every week. If it was a rainy day, they even took their shoes off before they came in the house, so they wouldn't dirty the carpets. They were among the most polite people I've ever met."

TEACHING

The assembly program laid heavy stress on teaching. Communication on the family level must be kept open, the conventioners were told. To aid parents to avoid a 'generation gap,' children must be taught in very early years. Before the speaker announced the release of the 192-page book *Listening to the Great Teacher* he said, addressing parents: "Do not think that your children will naturally become disciples just because you are. They will not be followers of Jesus Christ unless you teach them that way."

Parents received the book as a real boon in helping them to set up an organized teaching program, to get across to the children deep Bible truths and principles of Christian conduct in plain, simple words and illustrations. Children attending the assembly also showed that they were eager to receive such Bible teaching, as they were seen on the convention grounds in hundreds, clutching tightly the book that was 'for them,' or deeply engrossed in reading it themselves.

Prior to the publication of this book a series of similar articles had appeared in *The Watchtower*. Some persons had been cutting out the articles and making a book. One parent remarked: "My children check on me every week to be sure I don't miss an article. We make a game of reading these articles. The children answer every question the article asks. In fact, we have to insist that they hold up their hands first, to keep all from talking at once. These articles prompt the children to think and to participate mentally." Another said: "I was struck by the point that a child learns so quickly, even difficult concepts."

Such careful parental teaching brings rich rewards. In this world of family disintegration the family unity among true Christians is notable, as a Lansing, Michigan, reporter observed in the *State Journal*: "The sea of old and young faces in the auditorium, the corridors and overflowing in the exhibition hall downstairs is a show of family solidarity—a keystone of the religion's practice. This bond extends to the whole body of adherents." (*Italics added.*)

'The teaching program does not stop with the young ones,' said one convention speaker. 'We are all in a school in which there are no graduations. All of us must continue to learn from the inexhaustible storehouse of God. The Divine Name shines with greater and greater brilliance as we learn more about Jehovah's ways.' He then released to those assembled the Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook, to be used in the ministry school held weekly in each congregation of Jehovah's witnesses for both young and old.

For more advanced Bible knowledge, a 1,700-page book, *Aid to Bible Understanding*, was released. This book, similar in style to a Bible dictionary, represented seven years of research.

MORALITY

Throughout the program, morals received strong attention. Young folks were interviewed on the platform, discussing the drug problem as it exists in the schools. A father and mother talked the matter over with their teen-age children, alerting them to the drug danger and giving counsel as to why and how they should avoid drug use. This reasoning, understanding way of approach served as a model for parents, who must know what their children are doing and must arm them against the drug menace if they wish to save them.

On the platform, some were interviewed who had in the past used drugs but who by reason of learning and applying Bible principles had freed themselves from drugs. In several of the convention cities, these youths were later interviewed extensively on radio and TV. After one interview, the news director of an Atlanta radio station concluded: "Your young folks not only have answers about the Bible, but they also have answers concerning the drug problem."

Many were moved by the drama "Jehovah Blesses the Loyal Ones," portraying the snare that the ancient Israelites fell into by association with the immoral, idol-worshipping Moabites just as Israel was about to move into the Promised Land. (Numbers chapters 22-25) The fact that loose, sexually filthy conduct of any kind is a sin, just as are fornication and idolatry, was clearly set forth. The drama drove home to all observers the great danger of bad associations in this time when the destruction of this present system of things and the entering of God's people into his new order of righteousness are so near.

AIMED AT THE HEART

Many were the remarks of appreciation for the fine material presented on the program. But as much appreciated as the information itself was the spirit it engendered, due to the program's focus on the heart. One conventioner, who has walked in this "way" of truth for nineteen years, expressed such sentiments. He said: "The program was of a very personal nature, motivating one to examine his heart condition and that of his family, and to provide loving Scriptural help as needed. It has made me more aware of my obligation to give more assistance to the congregation."

Another, when asked what he viewed as the overall main point of the program, answered: “A love of God and not of statistics. We want the Divine Name to be vindicated.”

A feature of the program that absorbed the attention of all was entitled “What Is in Your Heart?” The participants in this drama underwent heart-searching situations common to Christians. On the stage giant models of the brain and the heart lighted up as each was “speaking” inside the individual wrestling with a difficult moral decision. The drama “Making Jehovah’s Purpose Your Way of Life,” portraying the devotion of Ruth the Moabitess to the God of Naomi, touched the hearts of all. Ruth’s words, “Where you go I shall go, . . . Your people will be my people, and your God my God,” moved the listeners to search their own hearts to see whether they too are making themselves fully available to serve in promoting the worship of the true God, Jehovah.

The consensus as to the effectiveness of the “drama” method of presentation was echoed by an assembly delegate in Portland, Oregon, who stated: “The talks and dramas have forcefully stressed the need to ‘guard our hearts’ to take prompt action to expel wrong thoughts.” Another, from Washington state, remarked: “The thing that was emphasized at this assembly was love, helping all of us to search our hearts and see the depth of our loyalty and devotion to Jehovah and Christ Jesus.”

Indeed, “Out of [the heart] are the sources of life.” It is as a delegate from the Poughkeepsie, New York, congregation concluded: “The matter of correct motivations—why we do things, not just what we do—seems to be the thread of thought spun by the majority of speakers, since it is the heart Jehovah judges, not just one’s works or what he appears to be outwardly.”—Prov. 4:23; 21:2.

Thus the “Divine Name” assemblies truly exalted the Name of Jehovah before God’s own people. And their orderliness, cleanliness, good manners and happy spirit glorified in the eyes of all beholders the Name of the God Jehovah’s witnesses serve. A staff writer for the Shreveport Journal entitled a feature article on the assembly, “They Witness to a Happy Deity.”

The heartfelt sincerity that worship of the true God Jehovah brings was noted by a writer in the Greensboro, North Carolina, Daily News. Viewing the “higher ratio of ethnic mixture than most other religious groups,” he said, “The business of ‘brother and sister’ is not pretended.”

Jehovah’s witnesses are happy that their activities are resulting in exaltation of the Divine Name. But they realize that they must ‘keep on seeking the kingdom and God’s righteousness’ by making constant improvements in their ministry to God. This broad subject was also considered on the assembly program, and will be discussed in the following article.

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Sign on Milwaukee City Hall welcomes conventioners

[Picture on page 597]

At Los Angeles 62,885 heard the talk “When All Nations Collide, Head On, with God.”

[Picture on page 598]

Speaker at Milwaukee releases complete “Aid to Bible Understanding”

[Picture on page 599]

Young ones enjoy discussing new book “Listening to the Great Teacher”

**Book: Yearbook of Jehovah’s Witnesses
1972**

“DIVINE NAME” ASSEMBLIES CLIMAX THE YEAR

The outstanding, happy event for Jehovah's witnesses during 1971 was the wonderful series of "Divine Name" District Assemblies. These have been held throughout the earth. As we all recall, the keynote speech was "Whose Name Do You Respect More—Your Own or God's?" The entire convention program breathed respect for God's name and his organization. Fine instruction on right conduct was presented. Greater love was urged upon all of us.

While our brothers spoke highly of the assemblies, this was also true of worldly men. In Austria a transportation official commented: "You are really fine people, people with high standards. Your members have had upbringing." The vice-director of the Office of Tourism in Berne, Switzerland, said: "You are welcome to come back to our stadium at any time." The manager of a stadium in Tokyo commented: "I wish you people would come more often. This is the only time the stadium really gets clean." The conduct of Jehovah's witnesses reflects their worship of the God of truth.

A discourse that really stirred the entire convention—and Jehovah's witnesses have not stopped talking about it yet—was the one entitled "Theocratic Organization Amidst Democracies and Communism." What was presented there as to "elders" shows the willingness of Jehovah's slaves to readjust, when necessary, to conform more fully to the Bible. The closing comments enlarged on this subject, showing how the body of elders, overseers, all equals, will function in each congregation. As one brother remarked, this arrangement will make the internal structure of the organization much more firm so that, when the worldly system collapses, the love that the brothers have for one another will be strong. Another commented that the new arrangement will focus more attention on our principal overseers, Jehovah God and Christ Jesus.

In the English-speaking conventions all were overjoyed with the 1971 large-print revised edition of the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures as well as the completed Aid to Bible Understanding. The releases at the convention, including Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook, Listening to the Great Teacher, and climaxed with the book "The Nations Shall Know that I Am Jehovah"—How?, were just beyond anyone's imagination. How grateful all in attendance were for these fine publications! What a vivid description they contain of the destruction that is hanging over Christendom, and of the 'marking work' in which Jehovah's witnesses today are sharing, as foretold in Ezekiel chapter nine.

We were all given much to think about during this five-day assembly. Christian morals and responsibilities of overseers were discussed thoroughly. The declaration presented after the talk "Has the King's Secretary Called on You Recently?" was enthusiastically received. All felt the urgency of the times while listening to the talk "When All Nations Collide, Head On, with God." Well over a million people heard that talk world wide. Another thing that none of us will forget is the great number of persons baptized at these assemblies.

Newspaper: The Augusta Chronicle
Augusta, Georgia
January 13, 1973

Deaths and Funerals

Thomas L. Kelley

HEPHZIBAH, Ga. — Thomas Leon Kelley, of Hephzibah, died Friday in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Hephzibah Baptist Church with the Rev. O. Ted Page officiating. Burial will be in Hephzibah Cemetery.

He was a native of Jefferson County, a retired civil service employee and a member of the Legion Post 150, Elks Lodge 205, Richmond Masonic Lodge 412 and the Hephzibah Baptist Church. He was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include one brother, Hugh L. Kelley, Miami, Fla.

Pallbearers will include N. J. Drake, Douglas Hall, Robert McElmurray, Kenneth Anderson, Addison Lansdell, and O. W. Rhodes.

Honorary pallbearers will include members of the Hephzibah Agriculture Club.

Friends may call at J. M. Posey & sons Funeral Home, Langley, or at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Ramsey, of Hephzibah.

**Newspaper: Sunday Chronicle-herald
Augusta, Georgia
January 14, 1973**

Deaths and funerals

Thomas L. Kelley

HEPHZIBAH, Ga. – Funeral services for Thomas Leon Kelley, who died Friday, will be held at 3 p.m. today at Hephzibah Baptist Church with the Rev. O. Ted Page officiating. Burial will be in Hephzibah Cemetery.

Friends may call at the residence or Posey's Funeral Home, Langley, S. C., until 2 p.m., then at the church.

Letter: Lonnie Phillip Kelley to Karen Cole About February 1973

Few months before February 1973
Dear Karen Love,

I decided to let you know what happened to me. I left Eustis, thinking that I would be able to do more. In gaining more knowledge and in service (Lonnie is talking about his building relationship with Jehovah.) I forgot how hard it is to get settled in a place you aren't familiar with. Being single is best so that one can require Knowledge and spend more time in serving Jehovah.

I admit that I'm not worthy of this God. I plan to give him exclusive devotion. So I plan on staying single. I remembered that Lauren and Terry were to be married Feb. 3. I won't be present, but tell them that I am thinking of them. Tell your family hello, and that I am o.k.

Agape Love,
Lonnie

Notes:

This was a letter that my father had written to someone by the name Karen Cole. The Cole family were Witnesses that lived in the Eustis area. Karen had a sister by the name Lauren. Lonnie wrote about Lauren and Terry getting married on February 3rd. This letter had no date, so I had to do some searching for it. I looked into the website Ancestry for the marriage collection of the state of Florida, the following is what I found. Terry Daniel Vann married Lauren Kay Cole in Lake County on February 3rd, 1973.

This letter is making prove that Lonnie was living in Umatilla area in the year 1972. He moved there with his brother Clint in that time. Clint worked at Golden Gem (a factory packing house) there for a short time. Lonnie was working picking oranges in the field. Later, Clint moved back to South Florida area and married Kate Timmons on December 22nd, 1972. Lonnie remand there in Umatilla.

Terry and Lauren Vann were last living in Crystal Springs, MS.

**Newspaper: The Miami News
Miami, Florida
September 25, 1973**

Complete List of West Dade Tollway Contracts

CONTRACT 10
OWNERSHIP: H. Wallace Kelley, etux
ACRES: .843
APPRAISED VALUE: 28,700
SETTLEMENT: 41,000

Newspaper: The Miami News
Miami, Florida
April 16, 1975

DEATH NOTICES
CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

KELLEY

MR. LAURENCE WAYNE 54, of 6410 SW 39 St. Miami, passed away April 14, 1975. He was a life resident of Miami, where he was a master electrician and head of his own electronics firm since 1952. Survived by his wife, Marcella, Miami, 3 sons, Mr. Gene Kelley, Mr. Eric Kelley and Mr. Jeffery Kelley all of Miami, 2 daughters, Mrs. Sandra Kelley Williams of Hialeah, and Nancy Kelley of Miami, father, Mr. Hugh Kelley, Miami, sister, Mrs. Joyce O'Brien, Davie, Fla., 4 brothers, Mr. Hal Kelley, Hialeah, Mr. H. Wallace Kelley, N.C., Mr. Wilfred Kelley, Ft. Laud. and Vernon Kelley, Hywd. Friends may call 2-4, 6-9 P.M. Wed. Services 11 A.M. Thurs. at the CARL F. SLADE PALM SPRINGS MIAMI LAKES CHAPEL 1325 W. 49 St. Interment Dade Memorial Park.

L. W. Kelley;
Rites tomorrow

Services for Laurence Wayne Kelley, a native of Miami, will be tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Carl F. Slade Palm Springs-Miami Lakes Chapel. Mr. Kelley, 54, of 6410 SW 39th St., died Monday.

A master electrician, he had owned his own electronics firm since 1952.

Mr. Kelley is survived by his wife, Marcela; three sons, Gene, Eric and Jeffrey, all of Miami; and two daughters, Sandra Williams of Hialeah and Nancy Kelley, of Miami.

Notes:

Laurence married Marcela in Dade County around February 1968. Before marriage her name was Marcela Mary Lopez Oviedo, and she was from Costa Rica.

Letter: Betty Lou Kelley to Her Parents and Lonnie Phillip Kelley
February 12, 1976

Feb. 12 – 1976

Dear mom, dad and Lonnie,

It was cold when we got home and the road up was messed up, it must have been raining a lot. The bottom of the car was scraping on its bottom it sounded like we were making a belly landing getting up here. Since then they have put 6 to 8 loads of gravel on the bad spots.

We have been working hard ever since we got home. The three bedrooms have been painted and now I'm working on the closets and doors we cannot get the rugs in the bedrooms until I finish out for the entire house, also we have the paneling we are going to use. A man and his helper finished the fireplace. It is done in antique brick. It looks a lot bigger now.

Wallace says as soon as Leah is out of school, he will bring Leah and me down there, and come back to fix the camper on the big truck.

Lonnie, Dad and I signed the warranty deed for you to get it recorded. Ours is already recorded in Tavares. Also you have to sign before Notary Public the Mortgage Deed and also two (2) Mortgage Notes and they have to be recorded also. Don't waste time about this recorded if you want the place because it will show that it is yours, otherwise it will be recorded as belonging to us only. Also if you have time, check about the bathroom. I hope we can have a shower in it somehow.

You all better come as soon as possible to see us. We will be up stairs when you all get here. Our rugs will be in sometime this week and Wallace is ready to panel the front room now.

Wallace finally got that big dog he wanted. Daddy knows which one it is. The collie and I think it has some St. Bernard mixed with it.

We have to go and get some storm windows for the house and we will get this letter in the mail as I have been on it and papers the last three days. Hope to see you all soon.

Love.
Betty and family

Notes:

Opening letter was to Betty's mother Velma and her father William, also her son Lonnie. At the time that the letter was written, Betty, Wallace and Leah were living in Franklin, North Carolina.

Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel/The Lake Sentinel Star
Orlando, Florida
March 5, 1976

News of Record

LAKE COUNTY
Real Estate Transfers

H. W. Kelley to Lonnie P. Kelley, \$6,500.

Note:

This was when my father agreed to buy the property with a small house on that land from his father.

Letter: Karen Iris Talbert to Lonnie Phillip Kelley
March 21, 1977
Lebanon, New Hampshire

March 21, 1977

Dear Lonnie,

I understand that you recently made the acquaintance of my good friends the Taylor's. Yesterday sister Taylor informed me that you might enjoy receiving some mail, so I thought I'd sit down tonight + write a few lines. Perhaps you're heard that the Taylor's and I are sort of getting together on moving plans. I've been living here for going on two years now, after spending a year in Virginia, and I can't say that I want to stay around here too much longer- much prefer more Southern regions. We still have snow on the ground up here and due to get some more within the next few days- Enough already!! So if you like to write, I'd enjoy hearing from you- tell me what life is like down there. From what the Taylor's tell me, it sounds interesting. I think I'm about ready for something like that-

Your Sister,
Karen.

Notes:

Lonnie Kelley was living on Saltsdale road in Umatilla, Florida around this time. Karen was living on 45 School Street in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Letter: Lonnie Phillip Kelley to Karen Iris Talbert

April 1, 1977

Umatilla, Florida

Post marked April 1st, 1977

Hello Karen,

I got your letter Friday afternoon. Our weather here is pretty warm now, but there's quite a few lakes around, to cool off and the ocean is about 30 or 40 miles away which is pleasant to visit in the summer months. Also we have some attractions such as Disney World, Bush Gardens, Cape Kennedy and a few more. Our weather makes it possible to grow a garden almost year around. My parents are living in North Carolina, where you can't plant, but only 5 months out of the year. I have finally persuaded them, or perhaps the weather did. Karen please let me know how you all are doing, and write when you can.

Sincerely yours,
Lonnie Kelley

Notes:

Lonnie Kelley was living on Saltsdale road in Umatilla, Florida around this time. Karen was living on 45 School Street in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Letter: Karen Iris Talbert to Lonnie Phillip Kelley

April 16, 1977

Townsend, Massachusetts

April 16, 1977

Dear Lonnie,

I was happy to get your letter this week. I would have written sooner, except that I've been away this month and it took the post office a while to route your letter to me here at my temporary address. I'm taking a month-long course at a vocational school in Massachusetts- I'll tell you more about it sometime if you're interested. I'm hoping that it will help me find work when I leave the job I'm at now, which I plan to do in a few months or so. I should be done with the course by the end of April.

Spring has finally arrived here. Today has been really beautiful- I went out in service this morning with some of the brothers and sisters and we all had a very nice morning. Right now I'm sitting out on a back porch listening to the birds and noticing all the plants beginning to turn green and grow. Have you ever been to New England? I think you would really enjoy a visit at this time of the year. I'm just glad that all that snow has finally gone. I don't plan to be here when it comes back, Jehovah willing.

I haven't seen the Taylor's since I've been away, but I hope to be in touch with them soon. I wrote them a letter a few days ago.

If you'd like to write again while I'm still here in Massachusetts, you can use the return address on the envelope. I'd enjoy hearing from you. I'll be back home in New Hampshire May 1st, hopefully. (I sure seem to move around a lot.) Take care-

Your sister,
Karen.

Notes:

At the time Karen wrote this letter, she was living at the address of J. Ouellette P.O. Box 441 Townsend, MA

Court Record: Quit-Claim Deed

Dade County, Florida

August 2, 1977

**QUIT-CLAIM DEED
OFFICIAL LEGAL FORMS
HIALEAH, FLORIDA**

OFF REC 9861 PG 1508

**PREPARED BY:
ROBERT J. STAMPEL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
39 EAST 6TH STREET
HIALEAH, FLA 33010**

Quit-Claim Deed

This Indenture, Made this 2nd day of August, A. D. 1977

BETWEEN HUGH L. KELLEY, a single man of the County of Broward, and State of Florida, part-y of the first part, and SOUTH FLORIDA REALTY CO., a partnership of the County of Dade and State of Florida, part-y of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said part-y of the first part, for in consideration of the sum of TEN Dollars, in hand paid by the said part-y of the second part, the receipt whereof is acknowledged, has remised, released and quit-claimed, and by these presents does remise, release and quit-claim unto the said part-y of the second part and its heirs, and assigns forever, all the right, title, interest, claim and demand which the part-y of the first part has in and to the following described lots, pieces, or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Dade, State of Florida.

Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, AMENDED PLAT OF MELROSE GARDENS as recorded in Plat Book 7 at page 94, of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida, a/k/a 4019 N. W. 37th Court, Hialeah, Florida.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging on in anywise appertaining, and all the estate, right, title, interest and claim whatsoever of the said part-y of the first part either in law or equity, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said part-y of the second part, heirs and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said part-y of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us:

Barry F Baker
Robert J. Stempel

Hugh L. Kelley (seal)
HUGH L. KELLEY, a single man

State of Florida }
County of BROWARD }

I Hereby Certify that on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, HUGH L. KELLEY, a single man to me well known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing deed, and acknowledged before me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the purpose therein expressed.

Witness my hand and official seal at County of Broward and State of Florida this 2nd day of Aug., A. D. 1977

Barry F. Baker

Notary Public, State of Florida

OFF REC 9861 PG 1509

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA }
COUNTY OF ~~DADE~~ BROWARD }

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared HUGH L. KELLEY who, first being duly sworn upon HIS oath, deposes and says;

1. that he is the owner OF A LIFE ESTATE IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, AMENDED PLAT OF MELROSE GARDENS as recorded in Plat Book 7 at page 94 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida a/k/a 4019 N. W. 37th Court, Hialeah, Florida.
2. That the above described property is free and clear of all liens, taxes, encumbrances and claims of every kind, nature and description whatsoever, except for mortgages, if any, described in the deed given between the parties named herein, and except for the real estate and personal property taxes for the year 1977.
3. That there have been no improvements, alterations or repairs to the above described property for which the costs thereof remain unpaid.
4. That there are no mechanics', materialmen's or laborers' liens against the above described property.
5. That the personal property contained in the buildings on said property or on the said premises, and which is being sold to the purchaser mentioned below, is also free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, claims and demands whatsoever.
6. That affiant, in the operation of said building and property, has complied in all respects with the Sales Tax Law of the State of Florida.
7. That affiant, knows of no violations of municipal or county ordinances pertaining to the use of the above described property.
8. That this affidavit is made for the purpose of inducing SOUTH FLORIDA REALTY CO., a partnership to purchase the said property from affiant.
9. Affiant agrees that in the event the current real estate and personal property taxes vary in amount from the figures used in making the prorations in closing the transfer and conveyance of the above described property to said purchaser, then a new proration and a correct and property adjustment will be made upon demand.

Barry F. Baker (seal)

Hugh L. Kelley (seal)
HUGH L. KELLEY

Broward SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME at ~~BROWARD Dade~~ County, Florida, on this 2 day of Aug., 19 77.

Barry F. Baker
Notary Public State of Florida at Large

ROBERT J. STAMPFL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
39 EAST 6TH STREET
HIALEAH, FLORIDA 33010

Notes:

I'm sure this was around the time that Hugh Lawrence Kelley sold off his longtime residence. I believe this was the home that he and his wife raised their children through the 1930's onward.

Letter: Laura K. Dobbins to Alston Kelley
June 3, 1979

727 Lenox Ave.
Daytona Beach, Fla.
32018

June 3, 1979
252-5789

Dear Alston:

It was good to hear from you. I am sorry to be so long in answering your letter, but I've had company and other commitments that have made it impossible for me to spend the amount of time it will take to write this letter.

Is Harvey still living? It has been ages since I've seen anybody in Uncle Hartwell's family ... I really left Gainesville in 1928 when I went off to college in Tallahassee. Then after graduation, I taught school until 1939 when I married Walter and moved to Daytona Beach.

We have three children – Walter Jr., Patrick Kelley and Annie Laura Grasso. They are all married and we have five beautiful grandchildren, Laura Dobbins (Pat's little girl age 7) Walter Lee III age 10 and Heather age 2 (Walter Jr's children) Leonard age 9 and Laura Grasso age (Annie Laura's little ones.) They all live in Daytona Beach except Pat and his family. They live in Bartlesville, Okla – where he is a staff physician for Phillips 66.

I have been interested in the family history for a long time, and my grandfather Kelley had some very good family records that he gave me. The D. A. R. records that were filed by one of his cousins and thoroughly checked confirm the records.

Grandpa Kelley came to Florida in 1883. My Daddy, Forrest, was his first child born in Florida. He was born Jan. 10, 1884. – Grandpa and his father George Washington Kelley and a Mr. Walker brought two sections of land just east of Newnan's lake east of Gainesville. They operated a sawmill – and Grandpa laid out and subdivided part of his property as the town of Windsor – named for his wife's family. Grandmother Kelley's maiden name was Lilian Windsor, her mother was Frances Windsor. She brought a lot in the town of Windsor, but I do not think she ever lived there except when she visited grandmother and grandfather Kelley. Her home was in Baltimore Md. Grandpa met his wife when he was in medical training there. Grandpa planted an orange grove there and it was just coming into production when the big freeze of the 1895 to 1897 years destroyed it and he resumed the practice of medicine. After that, he served in the Florida legislature and was a member when the first teachers laws requiring certification were passed. He was elected Superintendent of schools for Alachua County and served in that capacity until 1916 when Grandmother Kelley died.

After that Grandpa Kelley married again and brought a farm and until he died was a farmer. When I was a little girl, I thought that Grandpa was the most elegant gentleman that I had ever seen. He was witty, very interesting – and such an entertaining person. He smoked the most expensive cigars and was always well dressed. I don't think I ever saw him when he wasn't wearing a coat and tie. – and Grandmother Kelley never called him by his first name, but always formally "Dr." – His early education was sketchy at best – a few months in school at Gibson Ga. or Sandersville – however when his mother died and his father married again his step mother encourage him to educate himself. He took an entrance exam – and was admitted to the Baltimore College of Surgeons there he met his wife Lilian Windsor. Her sister Frances married Dr. David Cheatam of Sandersville, Ga – Dr. Cheatam was elected Mayor of Sandersville, and Frances + Lilian's mother Frances Windsor was visiting in Sandersville in 1905 when she died. I have a letter that Frances Cheatam wrote to Grandmother Kelley telling about her mother's death – I don't know Frances Windsor's maiden name. She was buried in Baltimore beside her husband, but I do not know his given name. I do know that my Daddy said that when he used to ask her why she talked so funny, she'd say "Because I'm a wee bit Scotch, Laddie." I think she was born in Scotland.

Your grandfather George Hartwell Kelley was the last of Grandpa Kelley's children born in Georgia – He was born November 10, 1879. There were two of Grandpa Kelley's children older than your grandfather. Fannie Belle was born Nov. 10, 1875, and Aubrey Thurman was born Nov. 3, 1877.

Your grandfather, George Hartwell, married Nellie Brown October 8, 1902. Her people owned Magnesia Springs, east of Gainesville. I don't know the date of your father's birth or marriage.

Grandpa Kelley said that the first ancestor he knew about was Wm. Kelley, born in Ireland about 1711. He married a Scotch girl who was supposed to have been a descendant of Robert Bruce. The Kelleys were from northern Ireland and there called "Orangemen" _____. William Jr. married Nellie Buntaplat and they came to America before the revolution, living first in Virginia. Their son John was born in Virginia. – Grandpa said there were several other sons. One named William, and one named George who was younger than our ancestor John.

The Kelley's received over 2,000 acres of land around Gibson Georgia for their services in the revolutionary war. William was living in Wilkes County Ga at the time of the revolution and served under Elijah Clark. John is listed as having a certificate of service from Col. Greenberry Lee – Isaac Pinson who was probably the brother of the girl he married also had a certificate of service from Greenberry Lee. – Rachel Pinson, I believe was a descendant of James Pinson and French Huguenot who came to America in the early 1700's with Philip de Rubebourgh settlement in Virginia.

After the revolution some of the Kelley's moved west to Tennessee, but John and his family remained in Ga., near Gibson and Sandersville, where they farmed and operated saw mills – One of Grandpas cousins was called the foremost farmer in Washington County. Lawson Kelley, one of his uncles donated the land and building for the first school house in Tennile, Ga. A cousin Robert Kelley was for years head of the Farmers Union of Washington County and another cousin James Kelley was a very important farmer.

Grandpa graduated from the Baltimore College of Physicians + Surgeons, - and helped to educate his brothers so T. J. M. Kelley and George W. both became doctors who practiced for many years in Griffin, Ga. a book called "Ga + Fla. Souvenirs Sketches" – 1889 has stories of their lives.

I hope this will be of help to you, - and I'm sorry it took so long to answer.

Sincerely
Laura K. Dobbins

**Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel/The Little Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
August 30, 1979**

**Hospital Notes
LAKE COMMUNITY**

WATERMAN MEMORIAL

Aug. 26
ADMISSIONS:
Karen Kelley, Umatilla.

Note:

This was unfortunately my birth announcement, just stating that my mother was admitted to the hospital in very little detail to the reason why.

I am giving this detail.

Orrin Alva Kelley was born at the Waterman Memorial Hospital in Eustis, Florida, on August 26th, 1979 at 2:04 A.M., His parents are Lonnie Phillip Kelley and Karen *Iris nee Talbert*. At the time of his birth, his father was working as a City Worker for the City of Eustis. They were living on the outskirts of Umatilla, in a very modest house off Saltsdale Road.

I remembered hearing the story from my father that when my mother was in labor in the early morning, he was in such a hurry to get her to the hospital. He was pulled over by a cop because of driving over the speed limit. The cop found that the reason for speeding was that trying to get my mother there, and he accepted the reason.

Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel/The Little Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
March 6, 1983

Births
WATERMAN MEMORIAL

Feb. 19
Mr. And Mrs. Lonnie Kelley, Umatilla, boy.

Note:
The birth of my brother in little detail.

I am giving this detail.

Eben Lemuel Kelley was born at the Waterman Memorial Hospital in Eustis, Florida, on February 19th, 1983 at 6:56 A.M., His parents are Lonnie Phillip Kelley and Karen *Iris nee Talbert*. At the time of his birth, his father was working as a City Worker for the City of Eustis. They were living on the outskirts of Umatilla, in a very modest house off Saltsdale Road.

Newspaper: Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida
November 14, 1983

Ruth Kelley

Ruth D. Kelley, 71, 727 Lenox Ave., who spent 40 years with the Volusia County School System, most recently as an art supervisor, died Saturday at Halifax Hospital.

Born in Gainesville, Miss Kelley came here 43 years ago from there. She was a 1936 graduate of the University of Florida and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Survivors include a sister, Laura Dobbins, Daytona Beach, and a brother, Forrest M. Kelley Jr., Tallahassee. Baggett and Summers, Daytona Beach, is in charge.

Notes:
Ruth D. Kelley was the daughter of Forrest Manley Kelley and Annie C. Wimberly. Granddaughter of Dr. James Lawrence Kelley and Lilian Mae Windsor.

Newspaper: Gainesville Sun
Gainesville, Florida
November 16, 1983

KELLEY, MISS RUTH D – Funeral services Ms. Kelley, age 71, retired school teacher, will be held at 7 pm on Wed, Nov. 16 at graveside Evergreen Cemetery, Gainesville with The Rev Thomas J. Blery conducting the services. Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of BAGGETT & SUMMERS, Daytona Beach. Ms. Kelley, who lived at 727 Lenox Ave, Daytona, died Nov 12 of natural causes. Survivors include, a brother, Forrest M. Kelley, Jr., Tallahassee, a sister, Mrs. Laura Dobbins, Daytona Beach, several nieces and nephews.

Notes:

Ruth D. Kelley was the daughter of Forrest Manley Kelley and Annie C. Wimberly. Granddaughter of Dr. James Lawrence Kelley and Lilian Mae Windsor.

Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
March 11, 1984

Hugh L. Kelley, 93, 47 Saltsdale Road, Umatilla, died Saturday. Born in Georgia, he moved to Umatilla from Miami in 1982. He was a retired carpenter and a Protestant. Survivors: sons, Hugh Wallace, Umatilla, Hal, DeFuniak Springs, Wilfred, Davie, Vernon, Pembroke; daughter, Joyce O'Brien, Homestead; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
June 13, 1985

Schoolhouse to movie house

RED HUBER / SENTINEL

Schoolhouse to movie house

In January a classroom at Kaley Elementary School in Orlando was the setting for a scene during filming of *D.A.R.Y.L.* Wednesday the science fiction film had its world premiere in Orlando, with moviegoers enjoying food, wine and even a string quartet.

Note:

This movie "D.A.R.Y.L." was filmed a year before I started school at Kaley Elementary. I remembered some teachers showed this film to us, I remembered seeing it when I was in fourth grade. I remembered how I thought it was so cool to see a movie with my school in it.

Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
September 25, 1985

MARRIAGES

Lake County

Robert Wayne Mezo, 22, Umatilla, and Deborah Leah Kelley, 20, Umatilla.

Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
June 8, 1986

WATERMAN MEDICAL CENTER

June 2, 1986

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mezo, Umatilla, girl.

Note:

This was Kendra Danielle Mezo born to Robert Wayne Mezo and Leah Deborah *nee Kelley*. Their son was also born at the Waterman Medical Center, but was never mentioned in any newspaper.

To include, Jarred Wayne Mezo was born on July 12th, 1987 at the Waterman Medical Center.

Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
November 23, 1986

Challenger Event Runaway Favorite

By Dan Tracy

Bonnie Roby was well short of the halfway point in the 4.3-mile Challenger run/walk-a-thon Saturday when she slung a tired 6-year-old on her back.

Roby, 28, didn't mind lugging Matthew Hursey as she walk the winding, circular course on the University of Central Florida Campus.

"We just wanted to support Christa," said Roby, who teaches sixth grade at Kaley Elementary School in Orlando.

She was referring to Christa McAuliffe, the New Hampshire high school teacher who died Jan. 28 with six crew members when the shuttle Challenger exploded east of Kennedy Space Center.

The event was held to raise money for the proposed Astronauts Memorial and Educational Center at KSC, which will honor the 14 astronauts who have died since NASA was formed in 1958.

Run/walk-a-thons were held in 51 Florida counties, including Brevard, the home of KSC.

Sponsors hoped for at least 200 participants in each county.

The number of entrants statewide was not available, but at least 4,000 participated in 24 of the counties, including 150 in Orange and 300 or more in both Seminole and Brevard to collect or donate a minimum of \$14 each.

Roby, who walked with fellow teacher and Matthew's mother, Ellen Hursey, 33, hoped to take up a collection this week at Kaley, where students saw the shuttle disintegrate on television.

The lead run/walk was at Spaceport USA at KSC, which attracted former Apollo astronaut Donn Eisele; Bruce and Ellen Jarvis of Orlando, father and stepmother of Challenger astronaut Gregory Jarvis; and Sheryl Purvenas, daughter of astronaut Roger Chaffee, who died in the Apollo 1 fire.

Astronaut Gus Grissom and Ed White were killed will Chaffee. Four other astronauts died in aircraft accidents.

Don Ardell, a 48-year-old professor, finished first at the UCF event in 23 minutes, 52 seconds. He said, "I think it's a great honor to be able to run in something that is in memory of the astronauts."

Note:

I remember clearly that I was in second grade when the space shuttle Challenger exploded. My teacher (Suzy Bagley) spoke to our class before that disaster how exciting it was to have a school teacher going on a space mission. Also, saying that the teacher "Christa" may come to tell us about her experience on going out in space. I was so looking forward to this, that I remember inquiring my teacher how did it go? My teacher just gave me a sad looking expression and said that she would talk with me after class. After the end of school, she pulled me aside to tell me that there was an accident on the shuttle. I remembered being devastated learning what happened. I later remembered that evening, watching both the local news and the NBC Nightly news. Seeing the video footage of the Challenger disaster.

Some years later, I remembered my father told me that he was running a garbage route (he was working for the City of Eustis). He remembered looking up trying to see the shuttle, and seeing the shuttle plumes splitting apart. He told me that he knew something terribly bad happened. He also recalled that it was very cold that morning, as they were launching the shuttle. My brother (in kindergarten) recalled that he was in recess, and all the kids came to the outdoor large pavement area to sit and watch the shuttle going up at that time.

Ellen Hursey was my fourth and fifth grade teacher few years later after this printed article. It was until recently, I stumbled upon this story mentioning her and her son.

Newspaper: The Roanoke Times
Roanoke, Virginia
April 27, 1993

OBIT KELLEY, GEORGE EDGAR

KELLEY, George Edgar, 67, of Hampton, formerly of Rockbridge Co., Va. died Friday, April 23, 1993, in the Memphis VA Medical Center, Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Kelley was born on August 20, 1926, in High Springs, Fla., a son of the late George Washington Kelley and Alice Moore Ruff Kelley. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Brower Kelley. Mr. Kelley retired in 1966 from the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Fleet Reserve, USN Branch 172 Yorktown, Va. He is survived by two daughters, Barbara Lee Fisher, Hampton, Mary Alice Cutler, Covington, Tenn.; a sister, Barbara A. Kelley, Lynchburg, and three grandchildren, Cynthia Hope Stevers, Kimberly Pope, and Franklin Wayne Fisher. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, April 27, 1993 at 2 p.m. from the graveside at the Stonewall Jackson Cemetery with Rev. Glenn M. Colman officiating. Arrangements by the Harrison Funeral Home, Lexington.

Newspaper: The North Lake Outpost
Umatilla, Florida
May 1, 1997

"Harvey" Set to Open At UHS

"Harvey", the Pulitzer Prize winning play focusing on the story of a family that includes a member who has a "nearly" invisible 6 ½ foot tall white rabbit for a friend, will be performed this Friday and Saturday night at Umatilla High School. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 pm each night, and admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

A large cast of dedicated UHS students make up the performers for the play, which promises to deliver plenty of entertainment to theater lovers. The play will be directed by UHS teacher Sandy Crane, who has been organizing the effort while recovering from recent back surgery.

Crane invites the entire community to come out and see the results of the student's hard work. Cast members include Kristin Donohue, Shanna Meeker, Keith Jobe, Michelle Anderson, Jaclyn Nesheiwat, Amanda Hendrickson, Craig Jobe, Alex Robinson, Stephen Elmore, Amanda McNally, Nila Hutson and Daniel Sherwood. The support crew

consists of Orrin Kelley, Brandon Turner, Josh Elkins, Anthony Mitchell, Jack Allen and Emily Collier, with special thanks to UHS teacher Jim Curtis for his help with stage construction.

Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel/Lake Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
May 18, 1998

UMATILLA HIGH GRADUATES

Marilyn Marie Aciego, Misty Sky Adkins, Nicholas Lee Alberson, Shaun Philip Anderson, Jonathan Arthur Angel, William Edward Attix.

Daniel David Baldree, Dawn Rebecca Barber, Nicole Marie Bariteau, Stacie Diane Bates, William Joseph Britt, Searie Ann Brooks, Beverly Ann Brown, David Rodney Burrill, Jodie Lynn Byk, Natalie Jo Byrd.

Charles Jode Cagle, Samantha Pauline Casey, Aja Dawn Chase, Shawn Edward Chenoweth, Trevor Mathew Chinn, Kevin David Clark, Shermaine Snow Clark, David William Conger, Mary Kristina Conner, Julius Lamar Cooke, Virginia Mary Corkum, Crystal Eve Cozby, Kelly Tameece Cunningham, Kristin Diane Curry.

Nickolas Charles Dambrose, Tiffany Lynn Davis, Brandy Lynn Demetski, Egan Adam Dively, Kristin Renee Donohue, Joshua Sloan Dooley, Brandy Nicole Dooley, Leah Duminie.

Stephen Nathaniel Elmore, Jeremy Eugene Ethridge.

Sarah Pauline Fleury, Jennifer Janet Frebe, Tony Franklin Free.

Michael Eugene Gambino, Lillie Laraine Garner, Angela Michelle George, Paul Brian George, Chrystal Marie Glover, Brian Eugene Gnann, Cynthia Diana Gonzalez, Frederick Allen Gosnell Jr., John H. Greene III.

Joshua Raye Hamrick, Michael Patrick Hanley, Jerry Lynn Hapner, Sarah Cathleen Harder, James Richard Harville, Douglas Eric Hasley, Kenneth Cole Hasty, Christopher Carl Haynes, Joseph Donald Hendrix, Gabriel Heredia, Crystal Lynn Hilts, Miles Randall Huddleston.

Arrayma Tena Inmon.

Tammy Illene Jeffries, Gregory Charles Johnson, Daniel Douglas Jones, Jason Richard Jones, Christopher Wayne Judd.

Thomas Franklin Keel, Orrin Alva Kelley, Rachel Anne Kiefer, Shianne Kye Kling, Regina Leigh Leach, John S. Lewis, Yi Liu, Wayne Sheridan Loeser.

Randy Lewis MacFarland, Lisa Marie Maddox, John Lucian Martin, Shannon Lee Martin, Timothy Jay McCall, Shannon Marie Mixer, Candice Marie Moorehead, Mathew Kelley Morris, Adam Ray Mullins.

Jaclyn Nesheiwat.

Janel Lee Padilla, David Lee Panzik, Michael Penna, Joshua Alan Pennington, Natalie Ann Pignato, Laura Anne Plain, Karen Loraine Pomeroy, Keevin Contrale Porter, Charles Wayne Prevatt, Stephen Wayne Prevatt II, Edward John Primeau IV.

Russell DeWayne Railsback, Timothy Clint Ridings, Shannon Lois Robbins, Jacob Allen Rodden, Amber Lori Rodgers, Christine Marie Rogers, Kristin Nicole Rogers, Kenneth William Roy, Angela Noelle Rust.

Kevin Michael Schichtel, Kellie Brooke Schladetsch, Rebecca Lynn Sears, Holly Rebekah

Shannon-Dean, Jaclyn Marie Sherman, Daniel Stephen Sherwood, Ashley Leah Simmons, Jonna Beth Simmons, Shannon Lee Skipper, Rebecca Ann Slaughter, Bryan Grantham Smith, Mark Allen Sparks, Sean Dennis Stephenson, Phillip Charles Stoddard, Brad Lee Stynchcomb.

Marcy Arlene Thistlewood, Heather Marie Tobin, Thomas Ernest Towers Jr., Alesha Maurine Tucker, Brandon E. Turner.

Joshua Brian Walker, Maegan Dawn Wenger, Marvin James White, Amanda Rose Wilburn, DeShawn M. Williams, Jeanette Marie Willis and William George Wunsch II.

Caption: PHOTO: Valedictorian Name: Jeanette Marie Willis. Age: 18. Home: Altoona. Parents: Margaret and Raymond Willis. College: University of Florida. Major: Forensic psychology. PHOTO: Salutatorian Name: Michael Gambino. Age: 18. Home: Paisley. Parent: Gloria Baker. College: University of South Florida. Major: Pre-med. BOX: Graduation Ceremony When: 8 p.m. Friday, May 22. Where: Umatilla High School football stadium.

Note:

Orrin Alva Kelley's class graduation.

Newspaper: The North Lake Outpost
Umatilla, Florida
May 21, 1998

Congratulations Class of '98

Jeanette Marie Willis ***, Michael Eugene Gambino **, William Joseph Britt *, Kevin Michael Schichtel *, Stacie Diane Bates *, Nicholas Charles Dambrose *, Y Liu Cindy *, Laura Anne Plain *, Ashley Leah Simmons *, Jonathan Arthur Angel *, Tony Franklin Free *, Jason Richard Jones *, Holly Rebeka Shannon-Dean *, Rachel Anne Kiefer *, Miles Randall Huddleston *, Virginia Mary Corkum *, Kenneth Williams Roy *, Brad Lee Stynchcome *, Heather Marie Tobin *, William George Wunsch *, David Rodney Burrill *, Angela Michelle George *, Kristin Nicole Rogers *, Dawn Rebecca Barber *, Kristin Renee Donohue *, Kellie Brooke Schladetsch *, Douglas Eric Hasley *, Jaclyn Marie Sherman *, Janel Lee Padilla *, Matthew Kelley Morris *, Crystal Eve Cozby *, Kevin David Clark *, Stephen Nathaniel Elmore *, Joshua Brian Walker *, Sarah Pauline Fleury *, David Lee Panzik *, Jennifer Janet Frebe *, Marilyn Marie Aciego *, Kristin Diane Curry *, Misty Sky Adkins *, Stephen Wayne Prevatt II *, Amanda Rose Wilburn *, Nicholas Lee Alberson, Shaun Philip Anderson, William Edward Attix, Daniel David Baldree, Nicole Marie Bariteau, Searie Ann Brooks, Beverly Ann Brown, Jodie Lynn Byk, Natalie Jo Byrd, Charles Jode Cagle, Samantha Pauline Casey, Aja Dawn Chase, Shawn Edward Chenoweth, Trevor Matthew Chinn, Shermaine Snow Clark, David William Conner, Julius Lamar Cooke, Kelly Tameece Cunningham, Tiffany Lynn Davis, Brandy Lynn Demetski, Egan Adam Dively, Joshua Sloan Dooley, Brandy Nicole Drew, Leah Duminie, Jeremy Eugene Ethridge, Lillie Laraine Garner, Paul Brian George, Chrystal Marie Glover, Brain Eugene Gnann, Cynthia Diana Gonzalez, Frederick Allen Gosnell, Jr., John H. Greene, III, Joshua Raye Hamrick, Michael Patrick Hanley, Jerry Lynn Hapner, Sarah Cathleen Harder, James Richard Harville, Kenneth Cole Hasty, Christopher Carl Haynes, Joseph Donald Hendrix, Gabriel Heredia, Crystal Lynn Hilts, Arrayma TenaInmon, Tammy Illene Jeffries, Gregory Charles Johnson, Daniel Douglas Jones, Christopher Wayne Judd, Tomas Franklin Keel, Orrin Alva Kelley, Shianne Kye Kling, Regina Leigh Leach, John S. Lewis, Yi Liu, Wayne Sheridan Loeser, Randy Lewis MacFarland, Lisa Marie Maddox, John Lucian Martin, Shannon Lee Martin, Timothy Jay McCall, Christina Marie McMurry, Shannon Marie Mixer, Candice Marie Moorhead, Adam Ray Mullins, Jaclyn Nesheiwat, Michael Penna, Joshua Alan Pennington, Natalie Ann Pignato, Karen Loraine Pomeroy, Keevin Contrale Porter, Charles Wayne Prevatt, Edward John Primeau IV, Russell Dewayne Railsback, Timothy Clint Ridings, Shannon Lois Robbins, Jacob Allen Rodden, Amber Lori Rodgers, Christine Marie Rogers, Kristin Nicole Rogers, Angela Noelle Rust, Rebecca Lynn Sears, Jonna Beth Simmons, Shannon Lee Skipper, Rebecca Ann Slaughter, Bryan Grantham Smith, Mark Allen Sparks, Sean Dennis Stephenson, Phillip Charles Stoddard, Marcy Arlene Thistlewood, Thomas Ernest Towers, Jr., Alesha Maurine Tucker, Brandon E. Turner,

Maegan Dawn Wenger, Marvin James White, DeShawn M. Williams

*** Valedictorian

** Salutatorian

* Honor Student

U.H.S.

By Beverly Cox

“Achieving Excellence... Whatever It Takes.”

The Class of 1998 is set to graduate at 8 pm in the UHS stadium. Seniors were awarded dozen of scholarships at the Annual Awards Assembly. Jeannette Willis gave the Valedictorian Choice Award to Mrs. Fisher. Mike Gambino gave the Salutatorian Choice Award to Mrs. Green. After the Awards assembly, seniors met with their parents for the Senior Luncheon which was held at Florida Elks Youth Camp. Baccalaureate service was held on Sunday, May 17, in the school auditorium.

The STARS Awards Reception was held on May 4 in the UHS auditorium. Recognition was made of those students with outstanding grades and participation in school activities. This year's event was organized by Mrs. Petersen and Mrs. Green.

Mrs. Trosper held the CECF Employee Appreciation Breakfast at Pine Meadows. Some 70 people were on hand including Kyleen Fisher, Billie Birdsong and Joe Baxter. Tina Welch of the Body Shop was named Employer of the year. She has Employed Jaclyn Nesheiwat this past year. Other awards included DCT Student of the Year, Kristin Curry for Academic performance. Marilyn Aciego won CECF leadership award.

Mr. Locke reported the following awards were given at the Debbie Phelps Concert: Louis Armstrong Award for excellence in jazz – Will Wunsch: John Philip Sousa Award for leadership – Kristin Donohue: Instrumental Music Award- Kevin Schichtel; Debbie Phelps Scholarship – Crystal Cozby; Most Improved Section – alto sax; Most Improved Player – Erik Tobin. Band Camp is set for July 27 – 31.

Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel/Lake Sentinel

Orlando, Florida

May 20, 2003

UMATILLA HIGH SCHOOL

Column: Class of 2001

Graduation: Friday, 8 p.m. at the Florida Elks Youth Camp, 24175 S.E. County Road 450, Umatilla Class song: It's My Life by Bon Jovi

Mascot: Bulldogs Valedictorian: Megan Vincent Age: 18

College plans: Lake-Sumter Community College and University of Florida Intended major: Nursing

Salutatorian: Arick Gussler Age: 18

College plans: University of Central Florida Intended major: Computer engineering Candidates for graduation:

-- A --

Dan B. Abner, Michelle Nicole Abner, Donald Apostel Adams, Natasha Nicole Anderson, Angela Lillian Angel and Brandi Estella Argabrite.

-- B --

Jonathan Allen Balog, Angela Megan Barber, James Franklin Battles, Michelle D. Beard, Kerri Elizabeth Beasley, Adrian Asher Bell, Jared Alexander Blessing, Brandon Blizzard, Jessica Elaine Britt, Justin Eric Brown, Jessica Nicole Brush, Joshua Duane Bush and Joynita Simone Butler.

-- C --

Daniele Coral Cadwell, Nancy Jeanne Campbell, Earl Alexander Carter, Christopher Byron Chatham, Elizabeth Leigh Collins, Laura Elizabeth Combee, Chris Michael Conger, Rachel Lanette Conner, Rex Allen Cook II, Daniel William Couse Jr. and Jeremy Esly Frank Creech.

-- D --

Brittney Michelle Davis, Matilde Veronica Delgado, Anthony Deprizio, Ivan David Desa, Abra Moran Dillard, June Alicia Drake, Latonya Deneya Drayton, Matthew Clay Driggers and Donald Richard Drury Jr.

-- E --

Matthew Paul Elmatti, April Lynn Epperson and Andrew William Evans.

-- F --

Shea Nicole Fallis, Lauren Nicole Faryna, Robin Nicole Ford, Brett Mawyer Foss, Andrew David Foster, John David Franklin, Richard Edward Frieszell II and Brandon Dennis Fritzke.

-- G --

Charles Brant Gibbons, Amy Lynn Gibson, Michael Ramey Givens, Ashley Ann Golliff, Patricia Sue Gosnell, Jason Blayne Granger and Arick Lee Gussler.

-- H --

Brandon Michael Hardig, Michelle Leigh Harsha, Linsey Nicole Henry, Alisha Ann Herman, Brandy Renee Herman, Candy Briane Herman, Dayna Lynn Gene Hirsch, Jeff Cody Hitt, Donald E. Holmes, Niels O'Brian Houlberg and Kyle Joseph Hudson.

-- J --

Kimberly Ann Johnson and Robert Stanley Jones.

-- K --

Joseph Blake Keller, Eben Lemuel Kelley, Nicholas Lee Kerr, John Ephriam Kittinger IV and Joseph Robert Kramer.

-- L --

Christina Marie Locke.

-- M --

Justin David MacArthur, Matthew Curtis Malone, Alexis Marshall, Sharie Lynn Massey, Rochelle Lynn May, Kimberly Jeanne McCaffrey, Melisa Ann McCain, Mary Elizabeth McDuffie, Katie Lynn McGonigal, Jason Charles McKinnie, Christopher Mack Miller, Audra Lee Montgomery, Anthony Ray Moon, Brandon Scott Morris and Dawn Renee Murphy.

-- N --

Melisa Lynn Norton.

-- P --

Amy Elizabeth Parrish, Tanya Lynn Parrott, Michael Carson Peaden, Heather Denise Potter and Diana Powell.

-- R --

Larry Scott Redner, Glen Alan Reynolds, Tonya Faye Richardson, Matthew Blaine Roman, John William Rose, Robert Jackson Rossi, Leslie Nicole Rushing and Brandi Ann Rust.

-- S --

Charles Robert Samples, Lacey Elaine Sampson, Stefanie Marie Scheider, Austin Colt Scheller, Christina Dawn Seilkop, David Lee Settle, Steven Edward Shaffer, Brian David Short, Kyle Clayton Skaggs, Amanda Marie Smith, Scott Wincey Sowers, Richard Stanley III, Olga Storozhuk and Matthew David Strickland.

-- T --

Tiffany Leeann Thompson, Miranda Walaine Tierney, Shawna May Trerice and Amber Dawn Tyree.

-- V --

Katherine Elaine Vansyckel, Tamara Marie Vickery and Megan Michelle Vincent.

-- W --

William Frank Warmus, Nicole Marie Watson, Donna Ann Westmoreland, Michelle Danielle White, Rodney Michael Whitlock, Tamkia Lafaye Wilder, Elizabeth Ann Williams, Sarah Faye Wood and Corey Dale Woodworth.

Caption: PHOTO: Megan Vincent PHOTO: Arick Gussler PHOTO: Bon Jovi. The group is (from left) Richie Sambora, Alec Jon Such, Jon Bon Jovi, David Bryan, Tico Torres. MERCURYBOX: Class Song Excerpted from Bon Jovi's "It's My Life": This ain't a song for the broken-hearted No silent prayer for the faith departed I ain't gonna be just a face in the crowd You're gonna hear my voice When I shout it out loud It's my life It's now or never I ain't gonna live forever I just want to live while I'm alive It's my life My heart is like an open highway Like Frankie said I did it my way I just wanna live while I'm alive It's my life

Note:

Eben Lemuel Kelley's class graduation.

**Newspaper: Sun-Sentinel
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
August 21, 2003**

Kelley

Kelley, Vernon M., 64, of Pembroke Pines, FL, died on August 17, 2003. Boyd's Family Funeral Home, Hollywood Blvd.

**Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel/Lake
Orlando, Florida
November 16, 2003**

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Eben Kelley of Umatilla was named October student of the month by Lake Technical Center's vocational incentive program.

Kelley enrolled in August in the school's Computer Electronics Technology program, and he works as a customer service clerk for Ace Hardware in Umatilla.

Kelley received a designated parking place at the school, lunch with the school's director, a certificate of recognition, a gift certificate for dinner at a restaurant and movie tickets.

**Newspaper: South Florida Sun Sentinel
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
March 14, 2004**

Condo sales in southwest Broward

DAVIE

ADDRESS	PRICE	BR/BA	SELLER	BUYER
3628 E. Bell Drive 75	\$170,000	3/2	Vojtech A. Chotovinsky	Wilfred & Maria Kelley

**Newspaper: The Daily Commercial
Leesburg, Florida
July 13, 2005**

Obituaries 7-14-2005

Hugh Wallace Kelley

Hugh Wallace Kelley, 80, of Umatilla passed away Tuesday, July 12, 2005. Born in Miami, he moved to Umatilla from Franklin, North Carolina in 1978. He was an electrician and is a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, Altoona. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, Betty Lou Kelley, Umatilla; sons: Lonnie Kelley, Umatilla, Norman "Clint" Kelley, Clewiston; daughter, Deborah "Leah" Kelley, Gainesville; brother, Wilford Kelley, Davie; sister, Joyce O'Brien, Davie; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, July 18, 2005 at the Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Umatilla with Elder Bill Silva officiating. Interment will be at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

**Newspaper: The North Lake Outpost
Umatilla, Florida
June 30, 2005**

To Love And To Cherish

Mr. And Mrs. Alan L. McCoy Jr., of Palm Coast have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Anne, to Orrin Alva Kelley, son of Mr. And Mrs. Lonnie Kelley of Umatilla.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Flagler Palm Coast High School and is a real estate title search professional, and the groom-elect is a graduate of Umatilla High School and a boat assembler for Sea Ray Boats. Both are current residents of Palm Coast.

A wedding is planned for October 1, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Palm Coast.

**Newspaper: The Daytona Beach News-Journal - Flagler/Palm Coast News-Tribune
Daytona Beach, Florida
July 2, 2005**

ENGAGEMENTS

McCoy - Kelley

PALM COAST- Alan Jr. and Claire McCoy of Palm Coast have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Anne McCoy, to Orrin Alva Kelley, son of Lonnie and Karen Kelley of Umatilla.

The bride-to-be of Palm Coast was born in Bristol, Conn. and is a 1998 graduate of Flagler Palm Coast High School.

She is a real estate title searcher at the Law Offices of Katz and Green, Palm Coast.

Her fiancé of Palm Coast was born in Eustis.

He is a 1998 graduate of Umatilla High School. He is a boat assembler at Sea Ray Boats, Palm Coast. The wedding is planned for Oct. 1 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Palm Coast.

Caption: Photo: Kelly McCoy, Orrin Kelley

**Newspaper: South Lake Press
Clermont, Florida
July 13, 2005**

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Survivors include his wife, Betty Lou Kelley, Umatilla; sons: Lonnie Kelley, Umatilla, Norman "Clint" Kelley, Clewiston; daughter, Deborah "Leah" Kelley, Gainesville; brother, Wiford Kelley, Davie; sister, Joyce O'Brien, Davie; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, July 18, 2005 at the Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Umatilla with Elder Bill Silva officiating. Interment will be at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

**Newspaper: The Daytona Beach News-Journal - Flagler/Palm Coast News-Tribune
Daytona Beach, Florida
November 5, 2005**

WEDDING

Kelley-McCoy

PALM COAST- Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses was the setting for the Oct. 1 wedding of Kelly Anne McCoy and Orrin Alva Kelley. Alan L. McCoy Jr., father of the bride and congregation elder, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Alan L. and Claire McCoy of Palm Coast. The bridegroom is the son of Lonnie and Karen Kelley of Umatilla.

The bride was born in Bristol, Conn. and is a 1998 graduate of Flagler Palm Coast High School. She is a real estate title searcher at the law offices of Katz and Green, Palm Coast.

Her husband was born in Eustis and is a 1998 graduate of Umatilla High School. He is a boat assembler at Sea Ray Boats, Palm Coast.

The newlyweds took a wedding trip cruise to the Caribbean and are living in Palm Coast. Caption: Photo Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Kelley

**Newspaper: South Florida Sun-Sentinel
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
September 19, 2007**

Broward County

O'Brien

O'Brien, Joyce R., of Davie, FL passed away on September 18, 2007. Joseph A. Scarano Pines Memorial Chapel.

Note:

She was the daughter of Hugh Lawrence Kelley and Tessa Rosamond *Mills* Kelley.

Newspaper: News-Journal

Daytona Beach, Florida

February 13, 2008

Births

Kelley: Kelly and Orrin Kelley of Bunnell are the parents of a daughter weighing 8 pounds, born at 2:56 p.m. Jan 15, 2008, at Halifax Health Medical Center, Daytona Beach.

Notes:

This was my daughter, Jillian Amber Michelle Kelley.

Newspaper: News-Journal

Daytona Beach, Florida

February 7, 2008

Laura Kelley Dobbins

Laura Kelley "Mimi," Dobbins, 97, passed away peacefully at home, February 2, 2008. Born in Gainesville, Fla., she lived the last ten years of her life in Johnstown, Pa., with her son-in-law and daughter, Frank and Annie Dachille. Daughter of the late Forrest and Annie (Wimberley) Kelley. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, Daytona Beach, and regularly attended Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Pa. Mrs. Dobbins was one of the first graduates of the Florida State College for Women (now known as Florida State University) and together with her late beloved husband, Walter Lee Dobbins, was a successful business woman. Belonging to "The Greatest Generation," she owned and operated taxi and bus businesses in Daytona Beach, owned and managed orange groves in the Oak Hill (Fla.) area into the 1990s, and was the first woman to sit on the board of directors of the Mims Citrus Growers Association. She was very active in the community and was president - Peninsula Women's Club, president - League of Women Voters, president - Garden Club, president - Women of the Church, a Bible Study Leader, and an avid bridge player. Mrs. Dobbins was first and foremost a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, deeply committed to her Christian faith. She was completely dedicated to her family and friends, and was a mentor and valued confidant to many. Optimism, good will, encouragement, faith and generosity characterized her life. Mrs. Dobbins is survived by her children, Walter Lee, Jr. married to Dorothy (Raines) Dobbins, and Patrick, M.D., married to Mary (Carpenter) Dobbins, and Annie Laura married to Frank Dachille; her grandchildren, Walter Lee III and Heather Dobbins, Laura Elizabeth Dobbins, Sheree Dobbins, Leonard Grasso III, Frank Dachille, Laura Ann Humphreys, and Mark, Thaddeus, Lindsay and Sarah Dachille; and her great-grandchildren, Allison and Colin Dobbins, and Ashlynn and Connor Humphreys. Arrangements are under the careful direction of Frank Duca Funeral Home, Johnstown, Pa., and the Haigh-Black Funeral Home, Ormond Beach, Fla. Family and friends are invited for the funeral service at First Presbyterian Church, Daytona Beach, at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 9. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Gainesville, Fla.

Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel/Volusia

Orlando, Florida

July 26, 2009

Births

June 12

Kelley, Javin Alan Hugh, born to Kelly and Orrin Kelley, Bunnell, Halifax Medical Center.

Newspaper: The Orlando Sentinel
Orlando, Florida
August 4, 2009

Death Notice - Classified

KELLEY, LONNIE P.,

born 1-4-49 died 8-2-09.

Survived by his wife Karen Kelley, two sons (Orrin Kelley and Eben Kelley), two grandchildren, his mother (Betty Kelley), two siblings (Clint Kelley and Deborah Kelley).

Services will be held @ The Altoona Florida Kingdom Hall (8-16-09 @ 3pm). He is resting in peace now after battling a long illness. His family and friends are comforted by knowing that we will, one day, meet again.

Newspaper: The Dade County Sentinel
Trenton, Georgia
August 5, 2009

LONNIE KELLEY

Lonnie Phillip Kelley, 60, of Trenton, passed away Aug. 2. He was of the Jehovah's Witness Faith.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hugh Kelley.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Kelley; sons, Orrin Kelley and Eben Kelley; mother, Betty Kelley; sister, Leah Mezo; brother, Clint Kelley; grandchildren, Jillian Kelley and Javin Kelley.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness on Hwy. 11 North in Trenton with Tom Pratt officiating. There is no visitation.
Arrangements by Moore Funeral Home, Trenton.

Newspaper: The Miami Herald
Miami, Florida
June 8, 2010

Dona Kelley

Miami Springs FL United States

Dona Kelley, beloved grandmother, educator, and two-time Peace Corps volunteer, died Wednesday, May 26th, of complications resulting from emphysema. She was 82 years old. Dona's life was characterized by a profoundly humanistic worldview which saw one interconnected global community, despised the cruel and limiting influence of poverty, and prized education as a means by which any person, given the chance, could enrich their own life. Dona moved to Miami Springs with her family while still a junior in high school, forming a deep bond with the community which, even in the decline of her latter years, she refused to leave. There she raised a family. She enjoyed a life-long friendship with the Michelson family. She completed her Master's degree at the University of Miami and was an avid Hurricanes fan, particularly when opposed to her son's rival Seminoles. Moreover, she was an active civic member, a patron of local charities, and a good neighbor. Dona was also a brightly independent woman who lived up to her ideals. When her son joined the army during the Vietnam War, she in turn joined the Peace Corps, eventually serving two terms, one in what is now Eritrea, and the other in Thailand. The majority of

her professional career was spent teaching English as a second language, delivering instruction to generations of students from diverse cultures and nationalities. She was a caretaker to her grandmother, and later to her mother Katherine, always devoting herself to those she loved when they needed her most. In 1991 she survived her only son, Hugh Kelley. Her final years were marked by the same independence, caring, and conscientiousness which distinguished her earlier life. In the last two years Dona's health slowly declined under the effects of emphysema, a decline which seemed worsened by the recent loss of her brother Harry and her sister-in-law Evelyn. She is survived by her daughter-in-law Eva and her grandson Wayne. To those whose lives she touched, friends, students, and family members alike, Dona Kelley was a model of acting in accordance with concern for what is right. She will be dearly missed.

Note:

She was the first wife of Wilfred Raymond Kelley.

Web Page: <http://www.bellsfuneralservices.com/book-of-memories/3611897/Kelley-Wilfred-Raymond-/service-details.php>

**Pembroke Pines, Florida
September 14, 2018**

Wilfred Raymond Kelley
1927 – 2018

General Information

Full Name: Wilfred Raymond Kelley
Date of Birth: Sunday July 31, 1927
Date of Death: Friday September 14, 2018

Service Information

When: Saturday September 29, 2018 2:00pm
Location: Bell's Funeral Home & Cremation Services
Address: 1826 N University Drive
Pembroke Pines, FL
33024

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Obituary

Betty Lou Kelley, 88, of The Villages passed away Saturday, September 7, 2019. Born in Umatilla, she moved back to Umatilla from Franklin, North Carolina in 1978. She was a Certified Nursing Assistant working for a home health agency, and worked at Lakeview Terrace Retirement Center. She was a member of the Altoona Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Survivors include son, Norman "Clint" Kelley, Clewiston; daughter, Deborah "Leah" Kelley, Gainesville; sister, Eleanor Griffin, Umatilla; 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Predeceased are her parents, William Joe Roberts and Velma Manette Vickery; Husband, Hugh Wallace Kelley; son, Lonnie Phillip Kelley.

The family will receive friends at 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, September 14, 2019 at the Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday at the funeral home with Frank Vanderhoof an Elder in the Altoona Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses is officiating.

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**THE FLAGLER/ PALM COAST
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**Photo:
Strawberry Festival Fun**

Families create memories at the third annual Palm Coast Strawberry Fest, A3

While crowds were light, entertainment still went on including the pie eating contest during the 3rd Annual Palm Coast Strawberry Fest held on Saturday, March 14th in Town Center, Palm Coast. From left, Javin Kelley, Jillian Kelley, Kelly McCoy, Margaret Buckler, and afternoon contest winner Nick Griffin.

[NEWS-TRIBUNE/DANIELLE ANDERSON]

Palm Coast Strawberry Festival becomes one-day event

Hoping to inject a bit of normalcy into the lives of her children as they began their week of spring break, Kelly McCoy tied on a giant plastic bib and dug in.

While neither she nor her kids came in first place for the final pie-eating contest at the third annual Palm Coast Strawberry Fest, it was a chance to create memories as a family without breaking the bank, and a bit of a stress reliever.

“We did this last year and had a great time,” said McCoy. “[There is] a lot of stuff for the kids to do and it’s included the admission, so we really wanted to take the opportunity to get out and have some fun.”

The annual strawberry festival has been a popular draw over the past two years and event organizer Margaret Buckler, president of Buckler Promotions, and her team said 2019 festival drew close to 7,000 attendees during the two-day event.

With events across the region postponing or canceling activities altogether as public officials grapple with containing the coronavirus, the festival’s second day was canceled. Organizers were grateful for the steady stream that headed to Central Park for the 2020 event on Saturday.

“We had a beautiful day with lots of good food and things for the kids,” said Buckler. “The people were so happy to come and have something to do, they were just thrilled. I’m sorry we won’t be here tomorrow.”

Leaving with two flats of freshly picked strawberries picked Plant City strawberries, Angie and Dusty Pye were ready to make anything related to strawberries after visiting the festival.

“It’s a beautiful day and it’s sad more people didn’t come out,” said Angie Pye, who felt being out in the sun and the fresh air was a healthy way to spend the day.

While many attendees left the legendary Florida strawberries, Sam Gilbert, co-owner of Samsue Produce Company and the official produce retailer for the event, said those unable to attend could find the remaining strawberries at their daily produce market on State Road 100.

“We’re always part of the community, and we love that,” said Gilbert. “We’ll be at the produce stand with a truck load of barriers.”


City of Palm Coast officials publicly announced the cancellation of the Palm Coast Strawberry Fest’s second day along with a host of other events and activities for the upcoming week on Saturday afternoon, via email and social media.

It is in the best interest of the community to cancel these activities,” said Palm Coast Mayor Milissa Holland. “While this is surely disappointing for all the members of the community who were excited to take part, it is so important that we exercise an abundance of caution and be proactive in our response so that we may limit the spread of the Coronavirus.

“We are taking every precaution necessary to remove the risks associated with the spreading of this pandemic,” she said. “In the upcoming days we will be working collaboratively with all of our partners that are and have been managing this event and continuing to communicate accurate and current information to our residents.”



Kelley Family Tree



Kelley Family Tree

<div> <div> Person: Hugh Lawrence Kelley Born: October 30, 1890 Where: Louisville, Georgia Died: March 10, 1984 Where: Mount Dora, Florida Married: December 29, 1917 Where: Macon, Georgia </div> <div> Spouse: Tessa Rosamond Mills Born: May 9, 1897 Where: Ocala, Florida Died: September 9, 1969 Where: Miami, Florida </div> </div>	<div> <div> Father: George Washington Kelley, M.D. Born: November 17, 1861 Where: Gibson, Georgia Died: February 4, 1901 Where: Millen, Georgia Married: November 1, 1883 Where: Jefferson Co., Georgia </div> <div> Mother: Effie Cumming Born: 1865 Where: Georgia Died: March 8, 1896 Where: Louisville, Georgia </div> </div>	<div> <div> Father: George Washington Kelley, Sr. Born: November 9, 1828 Where: Gibson, Georgia Died: November 20, 1907 Where: Seminole, South Carolina Married: April 12, 1849 Where: Warren Co., Georgia </div> <div> Mother: Susan Kitchens Born: June 29, 1834 Where: Warren Co., Georgia Died: December 29, 1867 Where: Washington Co., Georgia </div> </div>
	<div> <div> Father: James Kelley Born: Jun. 21, 1792 in Warren Co., GA Died: Jul. 27, 1858 in Gibson, GA Married: Sep. 7, 1818 in Warren Co., GA </div> <div> Mother: Susan Brooks Born: Aug. 5, 1797 in S.C. Died: Jan. 29, 1872 in Gibson, GA </div> </div>	<div> <div> Father: John Jack Kitchens Born: 1792 in Wilkes Co., GA Died: 1862 in Glascock Co., GA Married: May 2, 1816 in Warren Co., GA </div> <div> Mother: Susan Jones Born: 1799 in N.C. Died: 1860 in Glascock Co., GA </div> </div>
	<div> <div> Father: Eleazar “Eli” Cumming Born: Jun. 30, 1784 in S.C. Died: May 24, 1860 in Riddleville, GA. Married: Aug. 30, 1830 in Sandersville, GA. </div> <div> Mother: Mary Mollie Brown Born: Apr. 22, 1807 in Sandersville, GA. Died: Jun. 14, 1899 in Riddleville, GA. </div> </div>	<div> <div> Father: William Latimer Born: 1794 in VA. Died: 1852 in Hancock Co., GA. Married: Sep. 1, 1830 in Hancock Co., GA. </div> <div> Mother: Tabitha E. Wilson Born: 1806 GA. Died: Unknown </div> </div>